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Israeli campaign fails

PLO is a reality, Arafat tells Reagan

BEIRUT, July 25 (AFP) — Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat expressed hope Saturday that the past two weeks of hostilities between Israel and Palestinians in southern Lebanon had convinced United States President Ronald Reagan of the importance of the PLO.

"Ronald Reagan (should) now be convinced that the PLO exists, it is a reality, it is the odd number in the Middle East equation," he told reporters at a news conference here, expressing hope that the fighting "will contribute modifying the American administration's views on the Palestinian problem."

"What happened is an important turning point, because the United States thought they could liquidate us through the intermediary of their Israeli agents," Arafat said.

"And now it is clear that this is impossible, because the Palestinian (Lebanese nationalist) forces succeeded in resisting alone the impressive Israeli-American war machine," he added.

"It was American Phantom (jets) that bombed the civilian populations in Beirut and the other Lebanese towns," Arafat said. "It was American patrol boats and weapons that Israel used in its aggressions against Lebanon."

Asked if he expected hostilities to resume in the region, Arafat said, "It seems so, since Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin said it was a temporary pause. As far as we're concerned, we have said we will keep our word of honor."

Speaking alternatively in English and Arabic and often joking with journalists and the four members of the PLO's supreme military council at his side, Arafat added that any Israeli redeployment of forces would constitute an infraction of the ceasefire agreement.

The PLO chief added that any Israeli flights over Lebanese territory would be "an act of aggression."

"I will treat any infraction of the ceasefire in adequate fashion, perhaps not immediately because I am a patient man, but for each blow, I will respond with two blows," Arafat vowed.

He said the PLO had posed several conditions, among them a stoppage of all Israeli land, air and sea operations in Lebanon and of the use of dissident Christian Mai Saad Haddad as a "screen to attack the villages of southern Lebanon and the blue helmets of UNIFIL Interim Force in Lebanon."

Arafat restated Palestinian demands for creation of a Palestinian state with its capital in Jerusalem and the right of refugees to return to their homeland.

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Congress eyes ban on arms to M.E.

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, July 25 — The U.S. Congress is actively considering a resolution which condemns the recent escalating round of violence in the Middle East and calls for a temporary halt to all arms shipments to the region.

The resolution equally urges both of the two main parties to the increased military action — the Israelis and the Palestinians — to "refrain from further military violence."

In calling for a halt to all arm shipments to the region, the resolutions asks for assurances from Israel that it will only use U.S. supplied weapons for "internal security and legitimate self-defense" and not against neighboring countries.

Sources close to Arab-American groups here who are promoting the resolutions on Capitol Hill say they are "hopeful" the resolution will be introduced Friday.

In the house of representatives, Congressman Paul Findley (Republican of Illinois) has said he is ready to sponsor the resolution calling for a halt to the bloodshed in Lebanon. But so far no senator has agreed to be the primary sponsor of the proposed joint resolution.

Two senators, Mark O. Hatfield (Republican of Oregon) and James A. McClure (Republican of Idaho) say they are "taking a close look" at becoming co-sponsors. A spokesman for Hatfield told the *Arab News* Thursday that the Oregon senator is "very interested" in the resolution but has made no decision on his sponsorship.

Hatfield's assistant did say that the approach of the resolution — drafted in large

part of the National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA) — was "very workable."

"It seems there would be a lot of potential support" among the 100 senators for the resolution, he said.

An assistant to McClure confirms that the Idaho senator's staff is now studying the resolution, but as yet has not determined whether to sponsor it. They mention the senator's fear of being labeled "anti-Semitic" should he sponsor a resolution which calls on Israel to halt attacks on Lebanon.

Anti-Semitic accusations were made against McClure when he spoke out for a "more workable relationship" between the United States and the Arab Middle East, reports his assistant.

McClure, chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, has made several trips to the Middle East and urged both Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan to develop more even-handed Middle East policies.

Hatfield, who is known for his opposition to increased defense spending and the widespread sale of U.S.-built weapons abroad, offered a measure in 1979 to cut a symbolic 10 percent from American aid for Israel.

The Senate overwhelming defeated Hatfield's proposed amendment to the foreign assistance legislation.

While Findley has agreed to put forth a resolution on the house floor regarding the violence in Lebanon, sources close to the resolution believe greater support among house members could be generated if the resolution comes from a legislator not so closely identified with Middle East policy

1.5m dishoused by floods in China

PEKING, July 25 (AFP) — Last week's catastrophic floods in southwest China's Sichuan province have claimed 753 lives and left more than 1.5 million people homeless, New China News Agency reported Saturday.

The floods, the worst since 1949, had also left 28,140 people injured and another 558 missing, it said. At the same time, property losses, between July 12 and 15, were estimated at \$1,136 million.

The Chinese government was rushing relief aid to Sichuan for "restoration of production," the agency added. Updating a report to the government earlier this week, Sichuan deputy governor He Haoju indicated

that flood waters from the Yangtze River had also submerged 667,000 hectares (1.6 million acres), completely destroying one-fifth of all crops in that area.

NCNA also quoted the governor as saying that over 80 major highways and 483 inter-country highways had been destroyed, while 1,754 factories had been forced to shut operations. The agency quoted him as saying that Sichuan, China's most populous province with 100 million inhabitants, "should rely mainly on itself" to overcome its difficulties. He however, promised to solicit assistance from government ministries and agencies, NCNA said.

Protests are scheduled next week in Lodz, the country's second largest city, where the mayor told solidarity that his requests for additional meat supplies were falling on deaf ears in Warsaw.

The official news agency PAP indicated in a report that some spontaneous food protests had already taken place. PAP said growing queues were causing tensions and that rallies had been held in Szczecin and other places in an atmosphere of great concern and deep indignation.

PAP said local authorities and the supply and retail trades had been criticized at the rallies. The Polish authorities were reminded Friday night of the other equally serious food problem as the country responded to proposals to increase prices by up to 400 percent.

PAP quoted some Poles as saying the proposals were hair-raising scandalous and unacceptable. Solidarity's powerful Warsaw branch issued a statement reminding the government of disturbances when it tried unsuccessfully to raise food prices in 1970, 1976 and last year.

The union said price rises must be an element of economic reform, but would not be accepted until the authorities had gained society's confidence.

SAINT TROPEZ, Southern France, July 25 (AFP) — The wife of an English corporate president had heard so much about bold burglars breaking into bedrooms while vacationing villa occupants were asleep that she wore her jewelry to bed Friday night. The ploy did not work.

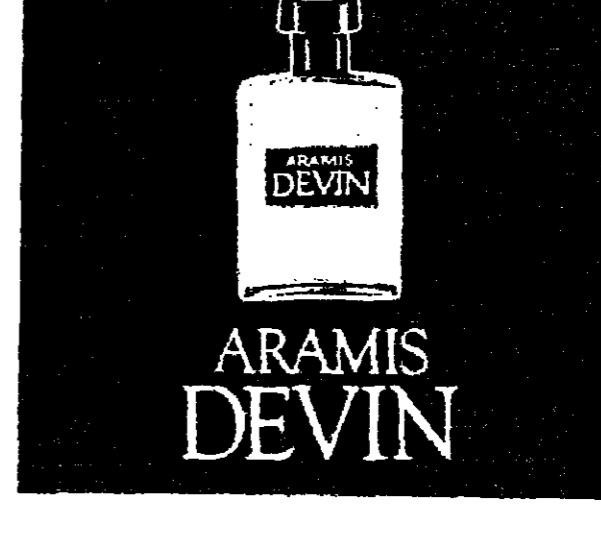
Ray David woke up Saturday morning just after two thieves had taken off her necklace

and ear-rings worth a total of \$100,000, while she was sleeping, police said. The burglars, refusing to leave the "Davids" villa empty-handed, took a matter of seconds to unbuckle Mrs. David of her precious load.

They disappeared, after apparently setting a new standard for audacity of burglars in this summer resort town.



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Saudi Arabian flagship greeted in N.Y. harbor

By Ted Robberson
Washington Bureau

NEWARK, July 25 — The *Saudi Riyad*, a new flagship of the Saudi National Shipping Co., was greeted in New York harbor Wednesday by fireboats spraying water skyward. An inaugural ceremony was held on the bridge of the vessel on Thursday. Attending was the vice consul of the Saudi Arabian consulate in New York, Saleh Jaisi; Joseph Daily, president of F.W. Hartmann Shipping, agent for the national Terminal Operating Company. The event also was attended by representatives of the New York and New Jersey Port Authority.

An official involved with NSCSA in New York said Tuesday that no final decision has been made concerning contract awards for the four 2,000 teu vessels which the company plans to have built by the end of 1983.

The official said no information has been made available whether the company has narrowed down its choices for the lucrative shipbuilding contract. Dr. Abdul Aziz Al Turki, NSCSA managing director, told *Arab News* in May that the company had narrowed its choices to "five or seven" major shipbuilding companies throughout the world.

Al Turki did not specify whether more than one company would receive a contract, nor did he offer any names of possible candidates for the contract. It is expected, however, that for the ships to be received by late 1983, more than one shipbuilder would have to be

involved.

Al Turki recently caught the eye of the American media when he toured the eastern United States to announce the beginning of NSCSA operations in North America. Interviews with Al Turki appeared in several leading U.S. newspapers and magazines, including the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Baltimore Sun*, the *Houston Post* and the *Houston Chronicle*.

The Houston newspapers were particularly interested in the company, not only because the Kingdom has the second largest trade with the port of Houston of any country in the world, but also because both the *Saudi Riyad* and *Saudi Maktab* initiated their maiden voyages in Houston.

With both the *Saudi Riyad* and *Saudi Maktab* now in operation, NSCSA plans to add two chartered vessels in the near future in order to decrease the Kingdom's dependence on foreign-flag ships. Not only will it make the Kingdom's imports of consumer goods and oilfield equipment more secure, it also will help cut the high costs of imported goods shipped to the Kingdom. Saudi Arabia's imports in 1980 totaled 42 million tons.

NSCSA was formed two years ago and now has assets of \$148.8 million. The company is 45 percent owned by its 13,600 stockholders, 30 percent by about 30 prominent Saudi Arabian businessmen and the remaining 25 percent is funded by the Kingdom's government.

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1. BEQ's to house approximately 1000 personnel in approximately six (6) buildings. Each building will be a four-story concrete structure with concrete masonry unit block filler walls of approximately 4,300 square meters. Mosque, mess hall and enlisted men's club are included as part of this project.
2. Additional housing will consist of approximately 50 officers' houses, 100 CPO houses and 75 sailors' apartments. The officers and CPO houses will be single family dwellings of approximately 200 square meters each. The officer and CPO houses will be design/construct. The sailors' quarters are four-story, concrete with CMU block filler walls. Site improvements, including underground utilities will be construct only. Additional community support facilities such as mosques, fire stations, schools, commissary/PX and recreational facilities are also part of this project.
3. Music Center will consist of a one-story concrete structure with CMU block filler walls, approximately 2,000 square meters. Included will be landscaping and integration with existing roads and utilities. Also included will be the procurement/installation of furniture, furnishings, musical instruments, etc.

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Sarkis receives Fahd's message

BEIRUT, July 25 (SPA) — Lebanese President Elias Sarkis conferred here Friday night with Saudi Arabian ambassador to Lebanon, Ali Al-Shaer, who conveyed to him a verbal message from Crown Prince Fahd dealing with efforts exerted to bring about a ceasefire between Palestinian commandos and Israel.

The ambassador said he discussed with President Sarkis the steps that have to be taken immediately to maintain the ceasefire. These steps are conducive to a calm atmosphere in which a proper approach to the overall problem could be jointly defined, he said.

Shaer then conveyed a similar message from Prince Fahd to Yasser Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation

Organization's executive committee, amid speculation that President Sarkis and Arafat might meet at Baabda palace and that Arafat also will meet members of the Arab Follow-Up Committee before they open their meeting, Saturday.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabian government gave the Lebanese Press Association and Lebanese Editors Syndicate Friday LL400,000 (about SR310,000) to help them overcome the serious difficulties their country is going through, it was reported. Ambassador Shaer visited both syndicates for the purpose. Farid Abu Shaha, president of the Lebanese press association, expressed his profound gratitude for the Kingdom's gesture.

In Makkah

Eid prayer mosques chosen

JEDDAH, July 25 — Muslims will pray in four more mosques in Makkah beside the Holy Haram on the first day of Eid-ul-Fitr which marks the end of the month of Ramadan. The move comes in accordance with the instructions of Crown Prince Fahd.

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Truce covers missiles in Bekaa

WASHINGTON, July 25 (Agencies) — The U.S. State Department suggested that the ceasefire instituted between the Palestinian commandos and Israel included an Israeli undertaking not to attack Syrian missile bases in Lebanon.

State Department spokesman Dean Fischer first declined to reveal details about the ceasefire agreement when questioned by newsmen. But when asked whether the agreement obtained by U.S. mediator Philip Habib comprised any Israeli pledge not to attack the anti-aircraft missiles set up by Syria in central Lebanon's Bekaa plain, he replied: "Clearly one would expect that that would apply to any kind of military action across the truce lines."

"We have never specified that the removal of the missiles is a particular element of ambassador Habib's efforts to reduce tension," he added. "The spokesman said he was not in a position to specify to what extent the 'cessation of hostilities' also covered military operations between the Palestinians and the Israeli-supported forces of Maj. Saad Haddad and his rightwing Christian militia in south Lebanon."

Fischer took pains to stress several times that Habib's successful negotiation was in no way modifying the American position with regard to the Palestine Liberation Organization or Washington's resolve not to establish contacts or direct negotiations with it. In fact, he explained, there had been two ceasefires: one concluded between the U.S. and Israel, the other between the PLO and the United Nations.

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as "unwise." "I do not support the bombing that led to the death of many innocent civilians," Cranston said.

But the Senate Republican Party's assistant leader, Ted Stevens, said the raids have cost Israel support in Congress. "Persons who normally side with Israel are being put in a neutral stance," Stevens said. "It's a result of the actions being taken by Begin which are an affront to the peacemaking effort."

In Damascus, Syria, Friday pledged ceaseless support for the Palestine revolution and for the Lebanese national movement and the people of south Lebanon.

A statement winding up a five-day session

estimated millions of dollars in damage resulted which may take weeks to repair.

With gasoline supplies uncertain, service station owners held back reserves or raised their prices — triggering long lines at the pumps.

Friday's truce between Israel and Palestinian forces followed almost unanimous condemnation of Israel by West European governments and commentators. Prior to the flareup of hostilities in the past two weeks, most European officials avoided casting blame on either the Israelis or the Palestinians as Europe attempted to launch a settlement of the overall Mideast problem.

But in recent days, the British, West German, Italian, French and Greek governments made it clear to Israel in public and private statements that the tortuous peace process had suffered by Israel's attacks. In what was described by informed sources as a stormy session, British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington called in Israeli ambassador Shlomo Argov Thursday to express "deep concern" over the Israeli attacks and urged Israel to respond positively to ceasefire efforts.

The West German government expressed its concern on several occasions to Israel. France's new Socialist President Francois Mitterrand, known as a long-time friend of Israel, sharply condemned the Israeli bombing of Beirut, saying it went beyond "anything known in that region of the world in recent years."

In Rome, the Italian foreign ministry expressed "serious concern" over the Israeli attacks. While the Danish government, long a staunch ally of Israel, made no official comment, informants said it was losing patience on the southern Mediterranean coast. Officials

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Alleging torture

Turkish prisoners go on fast

ANKARA, July 25 (AFP) — About 130 jailed political extremists have begun a hunger strike over alleged torture by prison authorities, and about 19 are hospitalized in states of extreme weakness, reliable judicial sources said.

The protest began in Mamak prison here July 6 when 60 members of the Marxist Leninist Aciciler group refused to take food, sources said. Prosecutors are demanding the death sentences for 25 of them on terrorism charges. News of the strikes emerged Friday in military court when five strikers did not appear as scheduled. A prisoner in court then told the judges about the strike.

Sources said the militants have vowed to fast "until death." Reports said they are denouncing "torture inflicted regularly during incessant interrogations." They also said that they have not been able to consult documents or take notes in preparing their defenses, sources said. Those already hos-

pitalized are in the Gulhane Military Hospital in Ankara. Besides the Aciciler group, the members belong to alleged terrorist groups such as the leftist Dev-Sol and Dev-Yol movements.

Meanwhile, Necmettin Erbakan, head of the right-wing religious National Salvation Party and nine other party leaders were released from jail Friday, it was learned from official sources here. Erbakan was put in jail last Sept. 12. He was accused along with 35 other party leaders and supporters of having formed an organization whose aim was to submit the laws of the lay state to those of religion.

In Istanbul, the military prosecutor demanded death sentence for two leftists charged with killing former Turkish Prime Minister Nihat Erim and his bodyguard a year ago. The prosecutor told a military tribunal that Baki Altı and Saadettin Güven shot or Erim.

Egypt gives asylum to Iran pilot

CAIRO, July 25 (Agencies) — An Iranian Air Force pilot, identified as Maj. Darayosh Kherkha, defected to Egypt Friday and was granted political asylum almost immediately after his arrival at Cairo airport, the Middle East News Agency reported.

The pilot arrived at 1500 GMT aboard a Boeing-707 plane belonging to the Iranian Air Force, the agency added without elaboration on how the pilot escaped or what route the plane took while flying to Egypt. It said Kherkha informed authorities upon arrival that he defected to Egypt because of "the suffering he and the Iranian people are enduring under the present regime," of Ayatollah Khomeini. Egypt has agreed to his request and granted him political asylum, the agency said without mentioning the fate of the aircraft.

Maj. Kherkha, wearing his air force uniform, said there was no government in Iran and confusion prevailed there. He accused Khomeini of trying to push Iran 14 centuries back. Kherkha said his wife and children were still in Iran. "Today is the birthday of my eight-year-old son and my family must be waiting for me. They know nothing about my plan to come to Egypt. I was thinking of coming here one year ago and waited for the right moment," he said.

He said the four crew members who wanted to return to Iran were three majors and one captain. "My colleagues want to return to Iran for the sake of their families," he said.

BRIEFS

ADDIS ABABA (AFP) — A message from the Arab League to the Organization of African Unity relating to the "dangerous" developments in the Middle East has been conveyed to the OAU Chairman President Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya, the secretariat disclosed here Friday.

AMMAN (AP) — Soviet envoy Oleg Grevensky, in charge of Middle Eastern affairs at the Soviet Foreign Ministry, arrived here Friday to discuss the current situation in the Middle East with Jordanian officials, official sources said. Grevensky will also discuss Jordanian-Soviet relations following King Hussein's visit to Moscow last month. He will visit Baghdad later this week for talks with Iraqi officials, the sources added.

AMMAN (AP) — Eleven new cases of cholera were reported bringing the total number of cases since an epidemic broke out July 6 to 766, a health ministry spokesman said Friday.

The epidemic is said to be dying down after intensive efforts by the Jordanian Health Ministry and the World Health Organization.

Top Britons seek U.S. foreign policy change

London Bureau

LONDON, July 25 — In an open letter to President Reagan published as an advertisement in *The Times* of London Friday, 220 leading British personalities are deeply critical of developments in United States' foreign policy.

The signatories call upon the U.S. government to respect the United Nations resolution relating to the liberation struggles in Palestine, Western Sahara, Namibia and Southern Africa, and not "to assist or aid regimes directly opposed to the rights of these peoples". The U.S. was asked to respect the right of independent states to non-interference in their internal affairs.

The letter asks Reagan to adopt with the Soviet Union a program for the full withdrawal of all military bases on foreign soil, start disarmament talks beginning with nuclear disarmament and end economic and military support of regimes which pursue policies in violation of basic human rights. Among the signatories are 48 members of parliament, five members of the House of Lords, six members of the European parliament and ten trade union secretaries. The

declaration is signed by 58 academics, including 23 professors drawn from Cambridge, Oxford, London and other universities. Dame Peggy Ashcroft, playwrights John Arden and Edward Bond are among 22 signatories from the arts, theater and journalism.

The letter says: "We are concerned that the United States' new assertiveness is directed mainly toward territories and countries over which neither the USSR nor the U.S. has any right to interfere. The people most affected by this new U.S. foreign policy are neither those of the United States nor the Soviet Union: instead the developing nations of the Third World have become the focal point of this confrontation." The declaration continues, "In particular, we deplore U.S. policies toward central and southern America, southern Africa, and the Middle East, which run directly counter to the rights of the peoples of these regions to seek changes in social, political and economic conditions when they deem them to be exploitative and oppressive." The signatories add, "We condemn terrorism, but recognize the right of liberation movements to take up arms, where political struggle has failed to end economic and social oppression."

Relief rushed

22 Pakistanis die in rain, floods

here, where officials said 17 persons died in villages ravaged by flash floods.

Heavy monsoon rains caused a breach in the Parharpur Irrigation Canal, razing nearly the entire village of Kot Lodian where nine lives were lost, they said. All 450 mud-walled dwellings in Kotla village, also in Dera Ismail Khan district, were destroyed, the APP reported.

Medical relief and rescue teams have been dispatched to stricken areas where tents and food were being supplied to victims evacuated to higher ground, provincial officials were quoted as saying.

Lawyers' chief arrested in Morocco

RABAT, July 25 (AFP) — The president of the bar in Agadir, Taieb Sassi, has been arrested for distributing leaflets and disrupting public order, it was learned here.

Sassi was arrested after defending several persons pulled in by the security authorities in Morocco during the bloody repression of a general strike and riots in protest against major food price increases last month. About 600 persons are believed to have died in the unrest, according to unofficial sources.

The lawyer is being defended by the president of the Moroccan Lawyers' Association, Abderrahman Benamer.

Benamer is a member of the national committee of the opposition Socialist Union of Popular Forces (USFP), many of whose members were arrested in the crackdown. He has denied accusations that he incited people to strike or was involved in armed gatherings.

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'Relief inadequate'

Over 550 Indians die in severe floods

NEW DELHI, July 25 (Agencies) — Over 550 persons were feared dead in severe floods in the northwestern Indian state of Rajasthan. *The Times of India* newspaper reported Saturday.

So far only 129 bodies have been recovered, according to official figures. But the newspaper quoted reliable sources as saying at least 376 perished Sunday when the floods

first hit the desert state. And a government official said almost 200 persons were missing after six villages were swept away.

Patriot newspaper said protests had been mounted in Jaipur, the Rajasthan capital, and in one of the worst hit village areas accusing authorities of inadequate relief for the hundreds cut off by floods. In Jaipur nearly 10,000 persons have been left homeless. In north and northeastern India, at least 200 people have died in monsoon floods.

Army troops continued rescue and search operations Friday in the rain and flood-ravaged northwestern state. Pasarwan Maderna, state minister for relief, told reporters that five villages with a population of 800 were destroyed by swirling waters in Tonk district. However, he added that most of the villages had moved to the safety of higher ground before the deluge hit their settlements.

Medical teams Friday were inoculating residents of Jaipur, the state capital located 200 km southwest of here with anti-cholera injections. Jaipur remained cut off from the rest of the country with road, rail and air traffic closed.

Meanwhile, floods have swamped two more districts of Uttar Pradesh, bringing to 18 the number of districts under water in the heavily populated northern state of some 90 million people. Latest reports said the Ganges and other major rivers including the Yamuna and the Sharda continued to rise at several points.

According to reports this year in provincial newspapers, especially in Tianjin, the third largest Chinese city with eight million people, these penalties are a massive ten percent of the salary of each parent. Until recently these measures only struck Chinese parents on their third child.

Legislation on population control has become increasingly tough over the past few years in China, which with one billion people accounts for a quarter of all humanity. But, until recently, authorities concentrated on dissuasion, with heavy encouragement to pregnant women to opt for abortions.

The measures adopted in Tianjin, on the coast just southeast of Peking, are expected to be gradually extended to other parts of the country. Only couples there whose first child has died or has a serious non-hereditary handicap are authorized to go ahead and have a new baby.

DENVER, Colorado, July 25 (AP) — Police said they detained actor Peter Fonda at Stapleton International Airport here Friday after he cut up a cardboard sign belonging to a pro-nuclear group that read, "Feed Jane Fonda to the Whales."

Police Lt. Paul Kaiser said Fonda, 42, the brother of the Oscar-winning actress and son of actor Henry Fonda, was cited for misdemeanor destruction of private property. He allegedly pulled out a knife and destroyed the sign posted outside an airport terminal booth, said Kaiser.

Miss Fonda has campaigned vigorously on behalf of anti-nuclear causes. The sign belonged to a group that calls itself the Fusion Energy Foundation, according to Kaiser.

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Surgery raises controversy Artificial heart recipient listed critical

HOUSTON, Texas, July 25 (AP) — A 36-year-old Dutchman, only the third person to receive an artificial heart, remained in critical condition as a U.S. government agency said Dr. Denton A. Cooley should have sought government approval before implanting the device.

The man was identified by a hospital spokesman as W.A. Meuffels, previously a driver of mini-buses and vans for a privately-owned excursion company in the Netherlands.

Cooley, saying the man otherwise would have died, insisted he had violated no regulations. But a spokesman for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), William Rados, said Friday "it appears that he should have" obtained FDA approval before using the experimental device.

The patient was listed in critical condition with probable irreversible brain damage. Cooley said he implanted the artificial heart when the patient's own heart failed after coronary bypass surgery.

The plastic heart, a small pump connected to a roomful of machinery, is intended to keep a patient alive only until a donor can be found for a heart transplant.



MECHANICAL HEART: A cardiovascular thoracic surgeon at Temple University, Philadelphia, holds up an artificial heart he used to keep a middle-aged woman's body functions working about two hours after she had become brain-dead.

The heart and its earlier versions have been tested in 200 calves.

After the operation, Cooley's Texas Heart Institute issued a nationwide appeal for a donor human heart. Doctors said the donor, preferably a man, should be 18-30 years old with A-positive blood. Heart donors are usually accident fatalities who suffered massive brain damage.

Cooley said the length of time the man can live on the artificial heart is "indefinite." Previously a patient has survived up to three days on such a device.

The heart transplant surgery pioneer said the man had no chance of living without the device, and he said even if the man gets a successful transplant, chances were better than 50 percent that he suffered brain damage.

A normal flow of blood was cut off to the brain for about 45 minutes and "it's difficult to determine the extent of brain damage he may have suffered," Cooley said. The man had good color, "acceptable" circulation and showed a "low-level of consciousness."

According to Cooley, the man's heart failed three hours after a "standard coronary bypass" operation in which clogged arteries to the heart were replaced with blood vessels from the patient's leg.

Indonesian minister seeks French help on Cambodia

PARIS, July 25 (AFP) — Most countries in the world reject Vietnam's doctrine that the Cambodian crisis is of concern only in Southeast Asia as they know that it has international implications. Indonesia's Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumamadjar has said.

The Indonesian minister, who arrived here Wednesday for a two-day visit, had talks and dinner with French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson Thursday.

Kusumamadjar said Friday that Vietnam's argument did not stand up "because Vietnam itself argues that its presence in Cambodia results from the Chinese threat." He added: "In this way Hanoi justifies the military and economic aid to obtain from the Soviet Union, while denouncing so-called interference in Indochina affairs."

During his talks with Cheysson, Kusumamadjar expressed the hope that "France would agree to play a bigger role in resolving the Cambodian drama, particularly by taking part in the consultative committee created by the international conference held between July 13 and 17 in New York."

He added: "France has not rejected this request but its final reply is not yet known. The same goes for Sweden and Yugoslavia." The minister said the conference ended in an important success for the members of the Association of Southeast Asia Nations

(ASEAN) — Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines and Indonesia.

The minister commented that while 93 countries or observers attended the meeting, including 40 nonaligned countries, the absence of the Soviet Union, Vietnam and other Socialist countries except China, had the main effect of sometimes giving a negative aspect to the final communiqué which ASEAN had not envisaged.

ASEAN's original proposal contained two positive and friendly clauses. ASEAN wanted the conference to undertake to guarantee the security of Cambodia and Vietnam after the envisaged withdrawal of Vietnam from Cambodia and the holding of free elections under international control. But China opposed this as being a hostile move, the minister said.

Also a group of nonaligned countries demanded withdrawal of a clause envisaging an economic aid program to Vietnam and Cambodia after the re-establishment of peace in Cambodia, he said.

Following talks in New York with representatives of former Cambodian leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk and with former Premier Son Sann, head of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front, Kusumamadjar expressed the view that a "united anti-Vietnam front could be created in the near future."

Philippines cabinet streamlined

MANILA, July 25 (AFP) — Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos Saturday announced a streamlined cabinet, spearheaded by Prime Minister Cesar Virata with the mission of restoring economic stability and eradicating corruption.

Besides Virata, who is considered the country's foremost financial authority and retains the finance portfolio, the new cabinet includes three technical experts. The three are Trade, Industry and Investments Minister Roberto Ongpin, Economic Planning Minister Gerardo Sicat and Agriculture Minister Arturo Tanco.

Marcos trimmed the cabinet from 25 under constitutional changes introduced after the June 16 presidential elections. In the trimmed cabinet, trade was merged with industry and investments, natural resources with agriculture, and public works with public highways. Six previous full ministries were reduced to support ministries under the office of the president. These were public information, budget, the solicitor-general's office, Muslim affairs, the National Science Development Board and the bureau of the presidential assistant on national minorities.

The Marcos government also carried out a diplomatic reshuffle involving 10 ambassadorial posts Saturday. Three were filled by career military officers. The outgoing chief of naval operations, Adm. Kim Chong-Kon, was named ambassador to Taipei. Army Lt. Gen. Shin Hyun-Soo, former director of the joint chiefs of staff, was named to Brazil and Brig. Gen. Song Sung-Han to Bahrain.

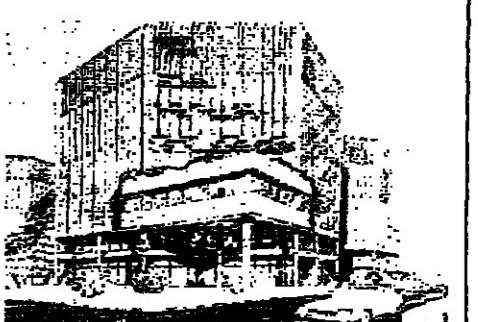
Bombay court stays demolition of huts

BOMBAY, July 25 (AP) — The Bombay High Court has instructed the government of Maharashtra state, western India, to stop demolition of thousands of illegally constructed huts on the sidewalks of the city.

Justice B. Lentin Friday ruled on appeals by a human rights body and sidewalk dwellers against government teams which Thursday pulled down at least 1,700 flimsy homes of cane, cardboard and sacking. An estimated 10,000 persons were hustled into buses and trains bound for their villages in other various parts of the state.

The slum clearance operation by civic employees and policemen was carried out in pouring rain. Sidewalk dwellers watched without resisting. Witnesses said they were then pushed into buses and trucks and sent to railroad stations to return to their native villages. The government announced it had bought rail tickets for their trip.

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With more and more sections of Saudi society becoming affluent, meat is being consumed in greater quantities with the result that local production is unable to meet demand. Ahmad Kamal Khusro on page 20 looks into the meat business. Related story about a new company that has been floated to improve transport of livestock to the Kingdom on page 22.

Construction continues at a feverish pace at the University of Petroleum and Minerals. Scott Pendleton meets the architect and provides a glimpse into the architectural features of the new facilities that add to the UPM's reputation as one of the most picturesque universities in the Kingdom.

A multimillion riyal housing and shopping complex is in the works in Riyadh. Javid Hassan met the architects of the showpiece for details on the latest business splurge.

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Reagan reiterates support

2 senators tell Casey to quit

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP) — U.S. Republican support for William J. Casey, President Ronald Reagan's embattled Central Intelligence Agency director, crumbled hour by hour Friday but Casey vowed to stay on and lay to rest allegations of past improper business dealings.

Two key Republican senators joined Sen. Barry Goldwater, chairman of the Intelligence Committee, in calling for Casey to step down. Sen. Ted Stevens said he thinks Casey should quit "for the good of the agency."

Sen. William Roth, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee also demanded that

Casey resign, saying he feels it is now "impossible for Mr. Casey to effectively discharge his duties." As the opposition built, Reagan, leaving a Capitol Hill meeting with house Republicans, again expressed trust in his CIA director — "I have not changed my mind" about supporting Casey — and said, "I am talking to senators today" about the brewing controversy.

Casey, in a statement issued by the CIA public affairs office just afterward, said he will deliver materials to the Intelligence Committee Monday that "will lay this entire controversy to rest." The panel had asked

To unreleased documents

CIA restricts public access

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, July 25 — The Central Intelligence Agency has taken steps in recent months to curb public access to its materials and reduce public awareness of CIA activities. Earlier this week, top officials of the CIA and other U.S. intelligence organizations testified before the Senate Intelligence Committee that the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), a U.S. law enacted in 1966 to allow public access to certain unreleased government documents, It has "seriously impaired" intelligence functions, the officials say.

CIA Deputy Director B.R. Inman and officials of the National Security Agency and the Pentagon told the committee that "adverse consequences" have resulted from FOIA and that inadvertent disclosures of sensitive CIA and NSA information have occurred. They also claim that information gathering has suffered and that in some instances foreign intelligence sources have refused to cooperate for fear the information they provide or their identities may be revealed through FOIA.

The hearing dealt with a bill that would

impose stricter limits on the number of CIA files available under FOIA. The Reagan administration is expected to deliver its own version of a similar bill sometime this fall.

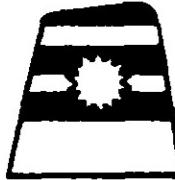
Representatives of American press organizations and the American Civil Liberties Union are leading opposition to the bill.

The fight for exemption from the Freedom of Information Act is the latest in a string of activities to lower the CIA's profile and discourage public access to its records. Since March, CIA Director William J. Casey quietly made a number of policy changes. They include:

— A drastic curtailment in the number of press briefings.

— The appointment of J. William Doswell as an assistant to Casey in charge of press relations. Before joining the agency this week, Doswell had reportedly described his role with the press as "inverse public relations."

— The banning from public distribution of CIA analytical documents and the restricted distribution of agency reference material.



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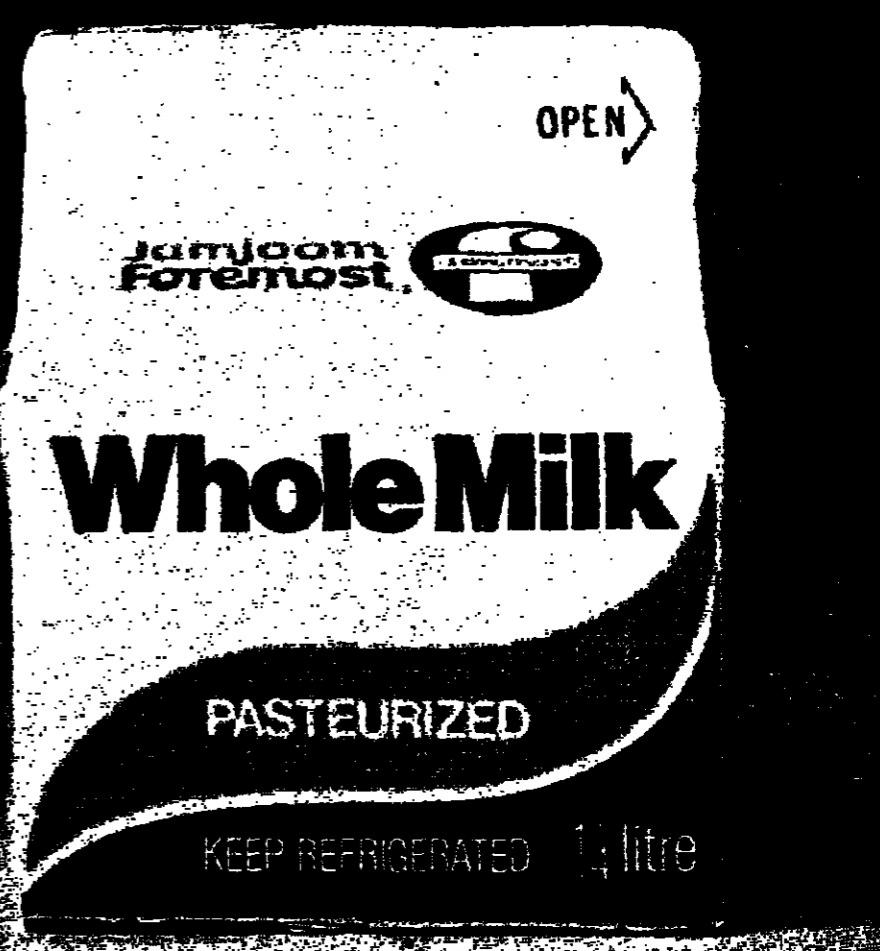


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2,500 invited for wedding of Charles

LONDON, July 25 (AP) — Twenty heads of state, some old girlfriends of the groom, a comedian or two, and a barmaid were in the guest list released by Buckingham Palace for the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer.

Among the 2,500 guests are the president of France, Greece, West Germany, Portugal and Iceland. Lady Diana's three old roommates, Nancy Reagan, representing her husband, and the King of Tonga. Sir Harry Secombe, a comedian who's invited, said of the prince "he's a great bloke. I'd be proud to have him as a son — that would make me king. Wouldn't it?"

The oldest guest will probably be 92-year-old William Smally, whom Charles met at an old people's home in March. "It's a great honor...The prince is real charming gentleman to remember me," he said.

Buckingham Palace said guests would include royalty from Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden, Norway, Luxembourg, Monaco, Japan, Thailand, Jordan, Nepal and Liechtenstein and the deposed kings of Romania, Bulgaria and Greece.

Spanish King Juan Carlos will not attend because of the royal couple's plan to visit the British colony of Gibraltar on the Spanish coast during their honeymoon. The Spanish Foreign Ministry said this week:

Mrs. Reagan will be accompanied by Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ulusu, who will represent the North Atlantic Treaty Organization at the wedding. The heads of the state of Commonwealth countries include the king and queen of Tonga, the queen of Lesotho, the king of Western Samoa, and the presidents of Gambia, Malawi, Trinidad and Tobago, Sri Lanka, India, Cyprus, Nauru, Kiribati, the Dominican Republic, Zimbabwe, Vanuatu and Guyana.

Federal judge upholds 7 Abscam convictions

NEW YORK, July 25 (AP) — A federal judge Friday upheld Abscam convictions against seven defendants, including four former U.S. congressmen, stating that the government's undercover operation was conducted legally and properly.

"After careful consideration of the many problems raised about Abscam over the course of these cases, which have now covered approximately one year, this court is satisfied that all of the defendants were proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, that the trials accorded to them were fair: that the arguments advanced for setting aside the convictions and dismissing the indictments on 'due-process' grounds are without merit," wrote U.S. District Judge George C. Pratt in a 135-page ruling released in Brooklyn.

"There are no circumstances requiring a new trial for any of the defendants," added Pratt, who has presided over four Abscam trials and two lengthy due-process hearings since last August. Pratt ordered the seven defendants to appear in his Brooklyn court room Aug. 13 for sentencing.

Friday's ruling concerned the guilty verdicts against former Reps. Michael "Ozzie" Myers, Democrat-Pennsylvania; Raymond Lederer, Democrat-Pennsylvania; John

France to increase fleet of N-subs

ILE LONGUE, Western France, July 25 (AFP) — President Francois Mitterrand has announced his intention of increasing France's fleet of nuclear submarines to seven by 1990. France currently has five such submarines, with a sixth to be ready in 1985. The French president made the announcement during an inspection of the submarine base in this island off Brest, the country's westernmost Atlantic port.

The nuclear-armed submarine fleet is the main element in France's atomic strike force, which also comprises 36 Mirage-4 strategic bombers and land-based missiles stored in the country's southeast.

Murphy, Democrat-New York; and Frank Thompson Jr., Democrat-New Jersey.

Also Angelo Errichetti, a former state senator and former mayor of Camden, New Jersey; Philadelphia City Councilman Louis Johnson and Howard Crider. All but Murphy face possible 15-year prison terms for bribery convictions, while the former Staten Island congressman faces a possible five-year term for his conspiracy conviction.

Sentencing and overall appeals had been held up pending outcome of the due-process argument, which is technically a pre-trial matter. The next level of appeal would be to the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan.

Pratt's finding was based on more than 4,000 pages of testimony and 110 exhibits compiled from 24 witnesses during 16 days of hearing conducted in January and February to determine whether the undercover Abscam operation violated the targets' constitutional rights.

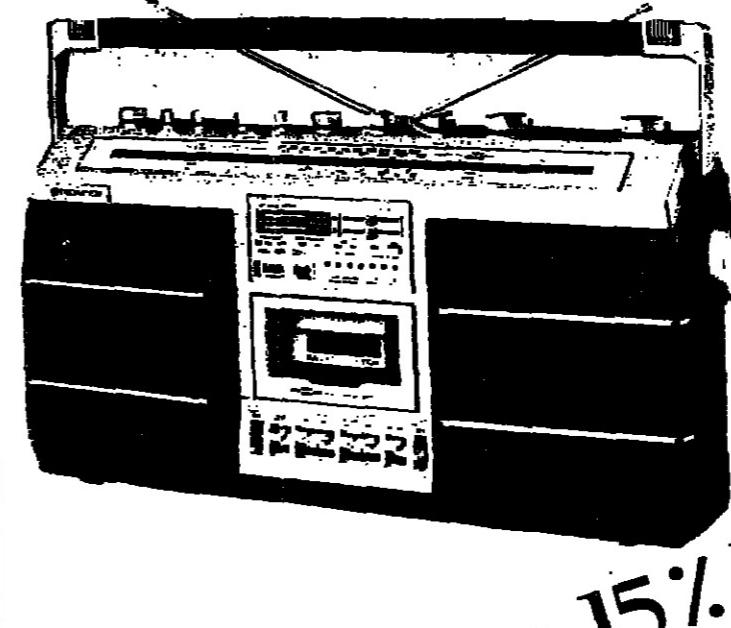
The defendants claimed undercover agents overreached their bounds by inventing a crime opportunity, committing perjury and obstruction of justice, selective prosecution, doctoring tapes, "coaching" targets for secretly videotaped meetings with undercover agents and keeping sloppy paperwork or none at all.

Mitterrand predicted that because of steady progress in technology, the seventh submarine would likely differ from the first series. The five subs presently in operation each displace 10,000 tons when submerged and propelled by steam drive, turbines fed from a jet engine using enriched uranium. Each carries 16 one-megaton thermonuclear-tipped missiles with a range of 1,875 miles.

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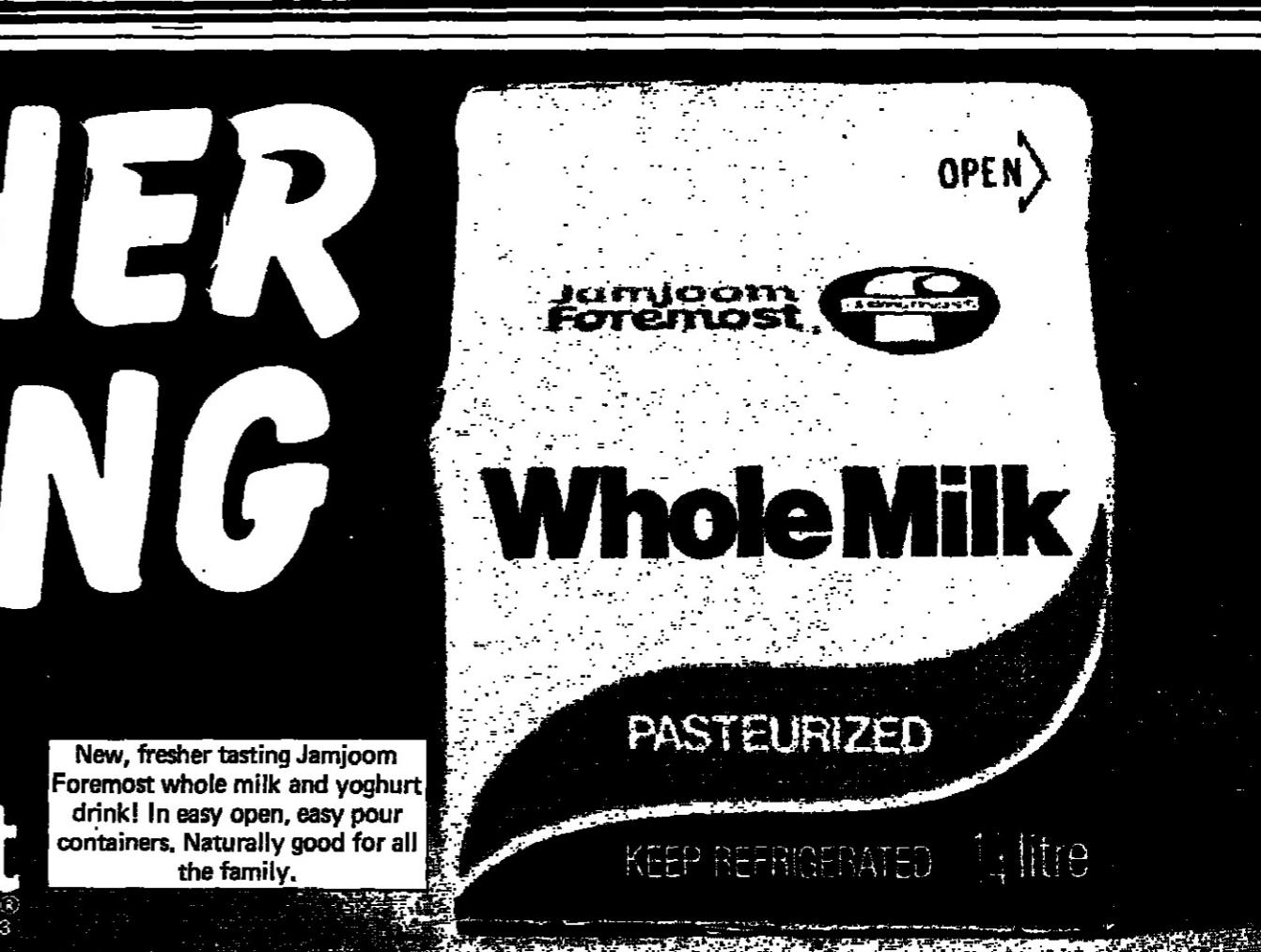
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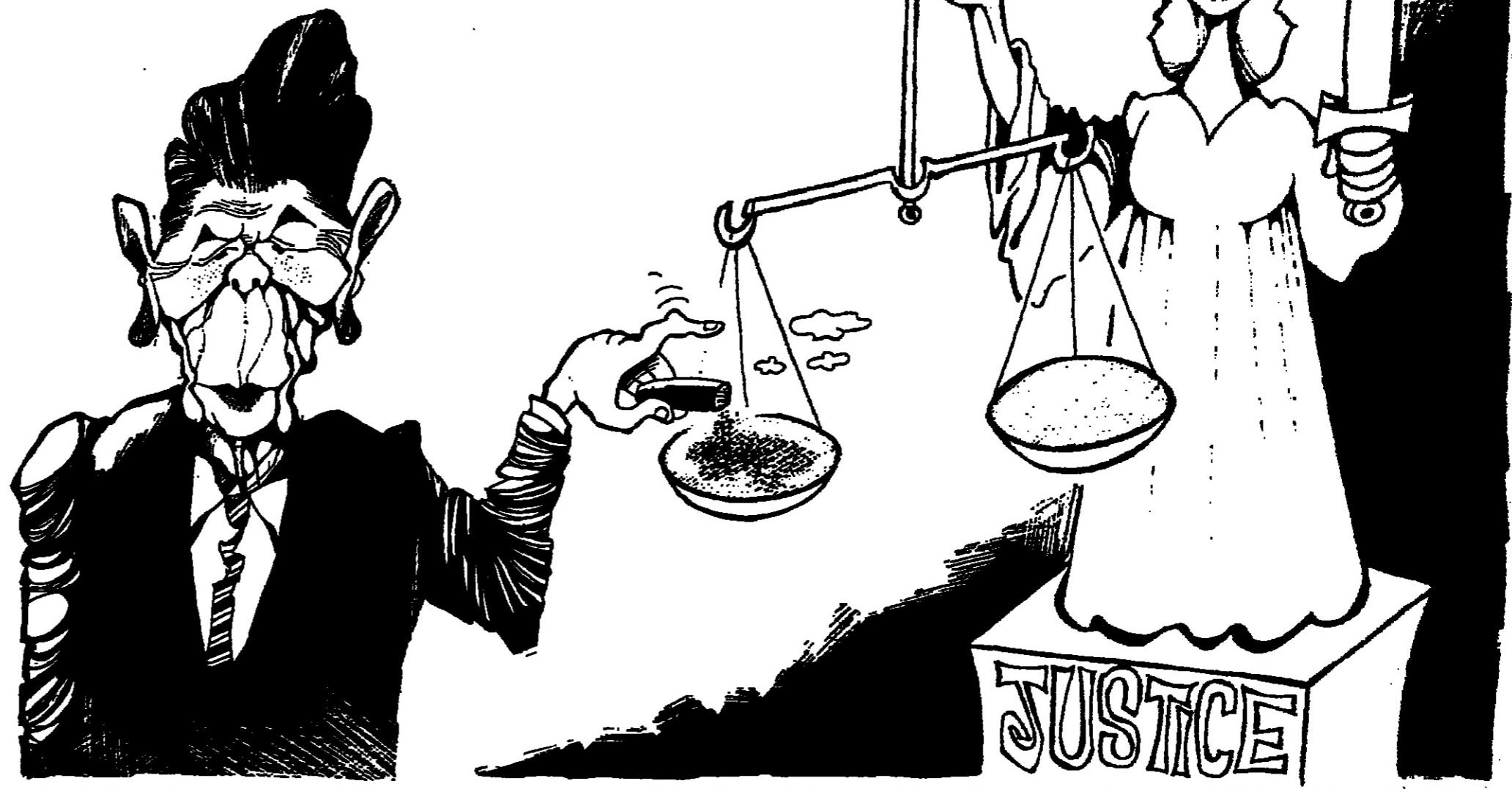
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U.S., once again, is playing a key role in Asian drama

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By Don Oberdorfer

WASHINGTON — Six years after its ignominious withdrawal from Saigon, the United States is returning with growing boldness to the Asian stage. But while the theater is the same, the drama is different, nearly all the actors have been assigned startlingly different roles than in the recent past — and new questions arise about America's part in the play.

China, the implacable foe whom the United States went to war to contain in the 1950s and '60s, has been designated by U.S. secretary of State Alexander Haig Jr. as "a friendly nation" which can qualify for American arms as well as American high technology and, down the road, the Reagan administration has in mind American aid. In the past several years China and the United States have forged a tacit partnership over Indochina. China is ambitious for a larger role in East Asia, a prospect which is disquieting to some of its neighbors.

Japan, in the early post-World War II decades a passive and pacifistic U.S. understudy adhering to the "peace constitution" imposed by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, is an increasingly powerful economic force in the area, and a nation which increasingly has a mind of its own. Now the United States is pressuring it to buckle on its sword again and undertake important military tasks beyond the home islands. Again, some of the Asian neighbors with long and bitter memories of Japanese attack and occupation are apprehensive.

The non-Communist Southeast Asian countries, which previously were mere specks in the big power cosmos, are increasingly important political actors.

At times, they take lead parts and even write the script for the United States and other friendly nations to follow. The contrast is startling between the 1966 Manila conference, where President Lyndon Johnson was the powerful ringmaster organizing and manipulating America's Asian allies, and the last month's Manila conference of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), where the Asians were the ringmasters and the U.S. secretary of state an important but undominating guest.

Only Vietnam's Communist state seems not to have changed its act, still being cast as villain of the piece. From the Asian perspective, Hanoi has become more villainous than before in two ways: by extending its aims beyond its original Vietnamese cause to Cambodia and Laos, and by bringing the military presence of the Soviet Union more actively to the region as Vietnam's sponsor and international protector.

The new East Asian scenario has been evolving for several years, but in recent weeks the United States part in it has advanced. The Reagan administration has yet to draw up a coherent, well-

considered policy for Asia. But as in other regions, the combination of global policy choices and a series of individual decisions of the moment add up to the rough-and-ready outline of a U.S. stance.

The global policies of the new U.S. administration most pertinent to Asia are its overreaching anti-Soviet posture, the large increase in U.S. military spending and military emphasis, the dismantling of previous restraints on overseas arms sales and military training and the downgrading of human rights policies which had been a major factor in U.S. relations with South Korea, the Philippines and Indonesia.

The decisions of the moment included the state visit to Washington of South Korean President Chun Tzu Hwan and Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, increased military assistance requests to Congress for Thailand and Indonesia, a diplomatic campaign to deny political recognition and economic aid to Vietnam, reaffirmation of diplomatic ties with Peking as well as unofficial ties with Taiwan and, paramount in interest and importance, the decision carried by Haig to Asia to supply arms as well as more U.S. high technology to China.

In these early months the Reagan administration has followed the simple guideline of "reward your friends and press your enemies," and it has displayed little difficulty in deciding who belongs to which group. In East Asia, China is more than ever a new friend (though the handing of an old friend, Taiwan, is still a complicating factor). And the Chinese are Vietnam and its superpower sponsor, the Soviet Union.

The bold and heavy brush strokes on the Asian canvas make for clean lines and clear policy when considered in a simple "us-and-them" view of the region. The problem is that the simple notions may be wrong, or they may be transitory. It once seemed simple and self-evident that the United States should apply the European-centered containment doctrine to Asia, going to war to save Indochina from the expansionist blight of "a billion Chinese armed with nuclear weapons," in Dean Rusk's famous phrase, as for impermanence, the Asian scene over the four decades since 1941 has seen dramatic and rapid changes, even reversals, in national purpose, alignment and ideology which quite belie the rice-roots timelessness for which the region is renowned.

These thoughts occurred to me as I recently accompanied Haig on his 16-day, 27,000-mile journey across the Pacific to China, the Philippines and New Zealand to set the stage for further development of the Reagan administration's Asian policies. The settings were familiar, from the Great Hall of the People in Peking to Manila's Malacan Palace, and some of the rhetoric echoed from an earlier short.

The most dramatic and exhilarating change was in Peking, where I last had been in 1974, before the death of Mao Tse-tung. Today China has come alive with color, opinion, personal striving and individuality which were suppressed in the stultifying orthodoxy of Mao's later years. It will be decades, if then, before this vast and most populous country

can catch up with other major nations.

In international terms, China today presents a paradox. Like the Reagan administration, the linchpin of its foreign policy is strong anti-Sovietism. But unlike the Reagan administration and contrary to the impression of rising danger left by Peking's rhetoric, China has reduced its military budget about 20 percent in the past year in order to give priority to economic development.

The fiscal facts and China's shortage of foreign exchange are among the reasons why a U.S. military supply relationship with Peking may be of greater symbolic and political significance than of practical military importance. If the Chinese are going to buy much American weaponry or advanced technology, they will require an infusion of American financing. Mindful of this, the Reagan administration is preparing legislation to make possible "modest amounts" of foreign aid and subsidized financing to the regime which, only a few years ago, was commonly known as "Red China."

In the past several years China has been on a determined drive to improve its relations with a variety of non-Communist states, including the United States, Japan and Southeast Asian countries. This necessarily involved lowering its ideological voice, shifting from pressure tactics against Taiwan to a policy of peaceful engagement, and downgrading its support for Communist insurgents throughout Southeast Asia.

Nevertheless, a Southeast Asian foreign minister who asked not to be quoted by name said during Haig's pacific tour, "we have never forgotten and we will never forget that the Chinese are Communists. They have objectives of their own. Right now they are practicing united front tactics in the battle against the Russians, and they are playing down their support for indigenous Communist parties in the region. But in this view, the Chinese policy is a phase" which may not be permanent.

In Peking, Haig spoke to Chinese leaders of the undesirability of continued support for Communist insurgencies, and in Washington about the same time President Reagan reportedly told Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew that the United States will be closely watching Chinese actions in this respect. But the Chinese have been unwilling to end their ties with Asian insurgents, ostensibly because this could leave an opening for the Russians.

Asian concerns about China's ultimate policies and intentions, as well as parallel fears of the behavior of a rearmed Japan, contributed to an undercurrent of apprehension about the Reagan administration's policies for the region. The most urgent assurance that Southeast Asians sought on Haig's trip was that Washington does not intend to strengthen the military sinews of China or Japan in order to use those nations as surrogates, leaving smaller states to their mercies. Haig told the Asians that the United States is determined to become involved more deeply in Asia rather than to pull back again.

The immediate focus of conflict and tension is Indochina, which just rolling along as a world trou-

ble spot, confounding the desire of most Americans to forget it once and for all. Haig was a troop commander in Vietnam in 1966-67 and spent a great deal of the Nixon years working on the Vietnam war as deputy to Henry Kissinger. Clearly he was not forgotten. He frequently refers to "North Vietnam" while speaking of today's unified Vietnam, and he startled reporters in Hong Kong during his recent trip by referring out of the blue to the perfidy of the Vietnamese in breaking the 1973 Paris accords, which he helped to negotiate.

Reagan and Haig have repeatedly said they believe massive U.S. intervention in Vietnam failed because it was not powerful enough. They have never been reconciled to defeat. The administration's strategy in the current situation was revealed by Assistant Secretary of State John Holdridge in an unguarded statement to an American club luncheon while he and Haig were in Peking: "Our own history with the Vietnamese over the years suggests that they are very tough people. If you give them what they want, this doesn't make them change their policy in any way. So we will seek if we can to increase the political, economic and, yes, military pressures on Vietnam working with others and in ways which will bring about, we hope, some change in Hanoi's attitude toward the situation."

The political and economic pressures are the policies of isolating and penalizing Vietnam made public and explicit by Haig in his address to the ASEAN foreign ministers in Manila. The most likely military pressuring involve U.S. assistance to the Chinese, who have borne the brunt of military opposition to the Vietnamese in a tacit division of labor with the political/diplomatic efforts of the United States since Hanoi's invasion of Cambodia two years ago, and direct U.S. aid to a "third force" element of non-Communist fighters in Cambodia.

If such a third force can be established under former Cambodian Prime Minister Son Sann or some other figure, there will be much pressure on the United States to back it directly. The alternative would be a non-Communist force whose principal benefactor is Communist China, thus sapping its nationalist appeal within Cambodia and among the non-Communist states of the region.

Vietnam itself seems locked ever more tightly in the Soviet embrace, and there seems little likelihood of a change in the face of mounting counterpressures from China and the West. Nevertheless, the Vietnamese recently made clear to the Thais that they wish to continue a dialogue with their non-Communist neighbors, and they have continued to signal a desire for contact and sympathy from the United States and the West.

The management of this Indochina episode is central to the new situation in the region. In this, China and the non-Communist states of Southeast Asia will have as much to say as Washington. But if the United States is no longer the star actor on whom all else depends in the farflung Pacific, it still provides vitally important markets and investments and a regional security umbrella on the superpower level. And Washington, once again, is playing a key role in the Asian drama. (WP)

Sayings of the week

Maybe it's female intuition or something, but sometimes I think maybe I'm a bit more attuned to what might be good or loyal or whatever. Nancy Reagan (Time) June 8.

I think owning a handgun is a trend of the times. Diana Macdougal, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (Guardian) June 8.

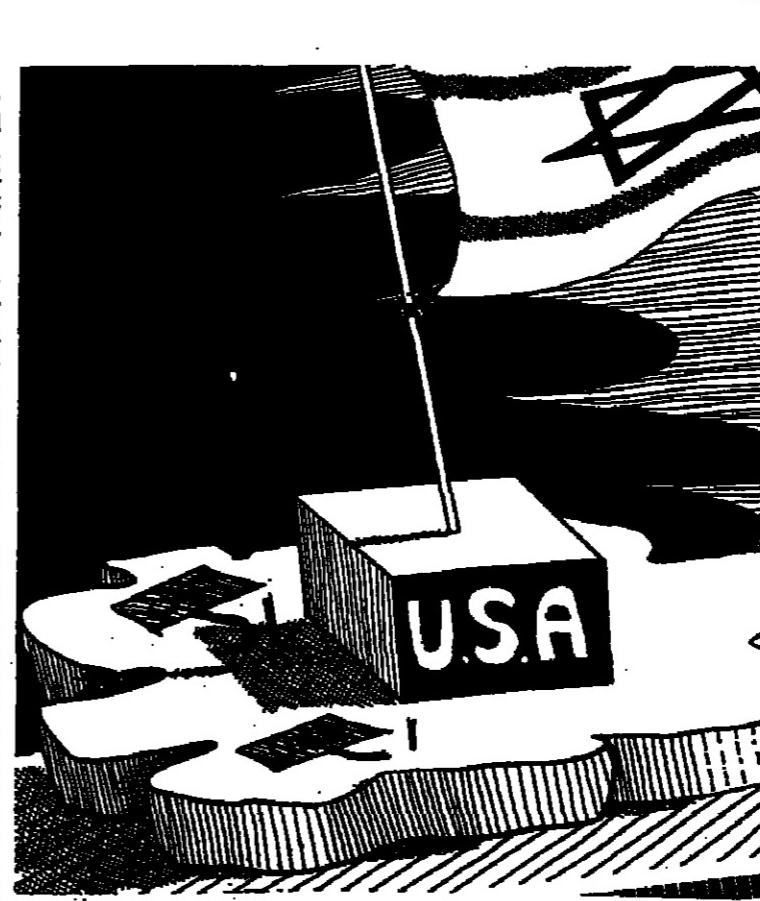
I don't think you could do anything about the neutron bomb without a flap. Alexander Haig (IHT) June 8.

If South Africa decided to topple us, we could suffer. But we would get through the suffering. Robert Mugabe (Times) June 10.

The most difficult part of my job is to stand up there and say virtually nothing, particularly about the Middle East. Dean Fischer, U.S. State Department spokesman (IHT) June 11.

Now that everybody's got so much leisure — it may be involuntary but they have got it — they are complaining about being unemployed. Date of Edinburgh (BBC radio interview) June 11.

The serious danger hanging over socialism in Poland constitutes a threat to the very existence of an independent Polish state. Letter from Soviet Communist Party Central Committee to its Polish counterpart (Times) June 12.



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Newspapers Saturday mostly led with the ceasefire in Lebanon, quoting a United Nations spokesman as saying that no military operation was recorded Friday afternoon on both sides of the borders between Lebanon and occupied Palestine. *Okaz* gave lead coverage to Crown Prince Fahd's message to Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat concerning efforts made to effect a ceasefire in Lebanon. The resolutions of the joint Arab Defense Council, calling for support to Lebanon and assistance to the Palestinians, figured as a lead story in some newspapers.

In a front-page story, *Al Jazrah* said, quoting press sources in Buenos Aires, that the Argentinian plane which the Soviets have shot down, was carrying arms from Israel to Iran. Newspapers have front-page coverage to Moscow's official refusal to accept a proposal by the European Economic community (EEC) to convene a conference to discuss the problem of Afghanistan. They also gave page one prominence to the presidential elections in Iran "amid a wave of alarm and political murders."

The meeting of the Arab Follow-up Committee on Lebanon to discuss the internal situation in the country and Lebanon's relations with Syria, was another front-page story in the newspapers, which also highlighted U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig's statement that the U.S. would not deliver F-16 warplanes to Israel despite the latter's acceptance of a ceasefire with Lebanon and the Palestinian commandos.

Discussing the U.S. Congress' inclination to issue a resolution to stop supplying arms to the Middle East countries, *Al Jazrah* noted that it demeans a well-studied Zionist plot. Israel, it said, can obtain European and American military assistance secretly which the Arabs can get neither openly nor secretly. The paper added that Israel fears that there will be a balance of power if Saudi Arabia obtains its military requirements from Washington and, because of this fear, Israel also destroyed the nuclear reactor in Iraq. In fact, Israel intends to keep the whole region in a state of concern and anxiety, and therefore it had escalated its military activities against Lebanon and the Palestinian commandos.

Dealing with the ceasefire in Lebanon, *Okaz* observed that Israeli Premier Begin felt that the Arabs have made a move through their Defense

Council, so he capitulated to the international pressure and accepted a ceasefire. The paper described the present ceasefire as success of Arab diplomacy, but said that there are still many steps to take so that a complete success is achieved by the Arabs. It exhorted them to realize solidarity which would help them teach their cherished goals.

Al Nadwa said in an editorial that the Arab reactions during the past five weeks have given a clear indication of the fate of America's reputation if it continued to support Israel, ignoring right, justice and restoration of the legitimate rights of the people of Palestine. The statement of the joint Arab Defense Council was very clear in its warning to the U.S., said the paper, adding that the Arabs are serious in their efforts to protect their rights and to confront anyone who supports the aggression.

Discussing the upcoming extraordinary Arab summit conference, *Al Bilad* said that, since it



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Africans race to increase food Small irrigation plans are efficient

By Leon Dash

KATI, Mali (WP) — As part of the much-annual survival script in Africa's semi-arid Sahel, 13 Bambara peasant families in this village's farming cooperative for years have dug by hand 90-foot-deep wells during the six-month dry season. The wells provide the life-creating ground water, which they hand sprinkle over their vegetable farm.

The wells dug last fall, laboriously refilled at the beginning of each spring's rainy season, will not have to be shoveled out again at the start of this year's dry season in October. The families' 11-acre field will be expanded to a 17-acre communally cultivated and irrigated farm that officials hope will more than double individual incomes — from \$112 a year to an incredible \$300.

In Mali, where the annual per-capita income is \$96, the hoped-for success of Kati's just completed small-scale irrigation plan represents a leap into affluence and food abundance for the 80 members of the farming cooperative.

Yet the small irrigation plan at Kati provides a glimpse of the difficult and expensive problems development experts encounter in trying to help the Sahelian countries feed their growing populations.

What started out as a simple two-year project to expand Kati's farming cooperative vegetable farm to 17 acres through irrigation ended up taking five years to complete. The cost grew from an original estimate of \$8,000 to an actual outlay of \$40,000, or \$6,450 for each of the six new acres.

Since the calamitous 1968-1974 Sahelian drought, the eight west African countries that fall into the belt running along the southern edge of the Sahara, such as Mali, have been in a race to raise their food production levels to match an average 3 percent annual

population growth rate that has already stripped most of the region's ability to feed itself.

Until recently, huge, costly irrigation projects were considered a solution for the Sahel's chronic food problems, but studies indicate that both the initial costs and the prohibitively high maintenance expenses of large irrigated projects do not auger well for widespread use in the poor Sahelian countries. Small projects like Kati's, although expensive to build, may be on a scale that peasants can afford to maintain, development experts said.

Of almost \$2 billion that has been poured into the Sahel for food development projects since 1975, 10 percent went into irrigation projects. During the same period, however, the number of acres under irrigation in the Sahel fell from a high of 574,000 acres to 560,000.

The figures indicate that the number of new irrigation projects is just barely ahead of the pace at which other recently completed projects are being abandoned because neither the peasants nor their governments have the money to maintain them. The costs of these projects, particularly for landlocked countries like Mali, continue to rise while the rate of completion is frustratingly slow.

In early 1976, Benn went to the Malian Ministry of Rural Development, where officials suggested AfriCare take on the Kati project. After discussions with Kati's farming cooperative and the village's mayor, Benn submitted a proposal, together with the ministry's original \$8,000 cost estimate, to AfriCare's Washington office.

"It met AfriCare's standards," Benn said, "wasn't highly technical, was appealing from the standpoint of low-cost financing and would directly benefit the local community from improved food availability to the income they would earn from selling vegetables in Bamako," Mali's capital 10 miles west of here.

A second look at the cost estimate showed it was too low. Government planners had left out the drilling costs of five bore-hole wells, hoses, pipes, wiring, electrical equipment and a shed to house the diesel generator. The cost climbed to \$11,000.

AfriCare then approached the Scheide Fund in New York. Six months later, the organization agreed to fund the project. Further study showed, however, that the configuration of the land would require seven wells, not five, and that the drilling expenses would be much higher than originally estimated because of the rising cost of fuel, which is trucked long distances overland into Mali.

In February 1977, a year after Benn had originally approached the development ministry, AfriCare went back to the officials of the Scheide Fund to tell them that because of revised plans, fuel costs and Mali's 25 percent annual inflation rate, the cost of the project had risen to \$34,000. The Scheide officials agreed to meet the higher costs and AfriCare was able to sign a contract with the Malian government in the summer of 1977.

A Malian company that was selected through a lengthy contract bid system drilled the seven well holes before the end of the year. But when Benn tried to install the pipes, he discovered that the circumference of the bore holes was too small. The company, which by then had moved on to other projects, refused to drill again. Government drilling teams, who are on a tight year-round schedule, finally rescued the project by drilling new holes in March 1980.

Then Benn ordered the pumps from France, which arrived with essential parts missing. An electrical company, advanced money to install the pumps, went bankrupt while Benn was waiting for the reordered parts. An out-of-work electrician agreed to do the work, but he was unable to proceed immediately since "half the material for the wells" had been stolen from the idle well sites in the intervening months, Benn said.

And so it went for all of the various traits, Turner explained, with the Paleo-Indians, contemporary Indians and Northern Asiatics showing either identical or more nearly similar percentages in sharp contrast to European specimens.

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population's director in Mali, Richard J. Benn. Benn, 32, came to Mali as AfriCare's director in 1975 after spending four years as a Peace Corps volunteer in neighboring Niger working as a well digger and English teacher.

"I guess I've been exposed to all the difficulties and problems that get in the way of development efforts," he said. "The problems don't change: they just repeat themselves and you just work at overcoming them," he added.

In early 1976, Benn went to the Malian Ministry of Rural Development, where officials suggested AfriCare take on the Kati project. After discussions with Kati's farming cooperative and the village's mayor, Benn submitted a proposal, together with the ministry's original \$8,000 cost estimate, to AfriCare's Washington office.

"It met AfriCare's standards," Benn said, "wasn't highly technical, was appealing from the standpoint of low-cost financing and would directly benefit the local community from improved food availability to the income they would earn from selling vegetables in Bamako," Mali's capital 10 miles west of here.

A second look at the cost estimate showed it was too low. Government planners had left out the drilling costs of five bore-hole wells, hoses, pipes, wiring, electrical equipment and a shed to house the diesel generator. The cost climbed to \$11,000.

AfriCare then approached the Scheide Fund in New York. Six months later, the organization agreed to fund the project. Further study showed, however, that the configuration of the land would require seven wells, not five, and that the drilling expenses would be much higher than originally estimated because of the rising cost of fuel, which is trucked long distances overland into Mali.

In February 1977, a year after Benn had originally approached the development ministry, AfriCare went back to the officials of the Scheide Fund to tell them that because of revised plans, fuel costs and Mali's 25 percent annual inflation rate, the cost of the project had risen to \$34,000. The Scheide officials agreed to meet the higher costs and AfriCare was able to sign a contract with the Malian government in the summer of 1977.

A Malian company that was selected through a lengthy contract bid system drilled the seven well holes before the end of the year. But when Benn tried to install the pipes, he discovered that the circumference of the bore holes was too small. The company, which by then had moved on to other projects, refused to drill again. Government drilling teams, who are on a tight year-round schedule, finally rescued the project by drilling new holes in March 1980.

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Arabnews Feature

San Francisco taking measures to protect visitors from crime

By William Endicott

SAN FRANCISCO (LAT) — Police are trying saturation patrols with tactical units in San Francisco's notorious addition in an effort to combat crimes against tourists by roving gangs of young toughs. The situation has grown so serious that Mayor Dianne Feinstein recently began additional measures aimed at curbing the assaults, which threaten the stability of the city's important visitor industry.

"It's very bad," a spokesman for the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau said. The latest incident against tourists occurred when a German family — walking the several blocks from their downtown motel to the city's Japan Center — was attacked by a band of juveniles. The tourists were robbed of their passports, airline tickets, money, travelers check and camera.

Klaus Mandt, 45, an engineer who had been on a month-long tour of the United States with his wife, Ingeborg, 40, and two children, said later that there should be signs "telling people not to go there ... maybe it was my mistake, but hadn't heard how dangerous that part of town is."

The western addition, just west of the downtown area, is predominantly black with a high percentage of single-parent families. The unemployment rate is among the highest in the city, as is the crime rate. The area also has a heavy concentration of public housing units that offer quick cover to hit-and-run assailants.

Although random assaults and robberies have plagued the area for years, attention has become riveted on the problem in recent weeks as a result of a growing number of attacks on out-of-towners who have inadvertently ventured into the western addition while on the way to the Japan Center, Golden Gate Park or other tourist attractions.

Much of the blame has been placed on maps that are widely distributed to tourists, but are not drawn to scale and indicate that walking distances are much shorter than they actually are. Police said they are prevailing on the mapmakers to redraw the maps either to indicate the high-crime zones, or to note that distances are distorted.

Police spokesman Henry Friedlander said that an analysis of crime in the Western addition shows that robberies were up by 16 percent in June over the previous month. Twenty-eight armed robberies and 121 strongarm robberies were reported, he said, and most took place between 2 p.m. and midnight. Consequently, those are the hours when the increased police presence in the area will be felt.

Friedlander said that two district police stations that border the area are deploying addi-

tional manpower in an effort to cope with the problem, and that a tactical division of 100 officers is devoting almost full time to the area.

"Most of the people who live there are law-abiding, good people," he said. "If we could arrest about a dozen (juveniles), it would go a long way toward clearing things up."

Klaus Shelia, an attache at the German consulate here, said that attacks on tourists have been a continuing problem that has grown in intensity in recent weeks. The attack now are occurring with distressing regularity, he said.

After the assault on the Mandt family, he said, the consulate received "numerous calls from citizens offering assistance and a number of calls voicing indignation about such incidents and wondering why the city can't put a stop to them."

An assault on two British tourists in the area late last month triggered an outraged response from the mayor and an invitation to

the victims to stay at her home in the city's affluent Pacific Heights section during the balance of their visit, a reflection of Mrs. Feinstein's effort to salvage some goodwill toward the city.

The mayor called for tougher sentences for persons arrested for such crimes. "There is only one way to stop this — with long, firm sentences," she said in calling for a 17-year-old arrested in connection with the assault on the British tourist to be tried as an adult rather than as a juvenile.

But although assaults on tourists have drawn most of the attention, the problem is by no means confined to tourists. A local priest was knocked down, kicked and robbed as he was walking to a telephone booth near one of the housing projects after his car broke down. And three women residents of the city were dragged from their car, beaten and robbed when they stopped while driving through the area that they thought was a construction barrier.

Strike effects make Italy a bad dream for tourists

By Louis B. Fleming

ROME (LAT) — Italy is putting on a great variety of concerts, festivals and other attractions this summer — a tourist's dream — but government officials are having nightmares about how many of the tourists will ever come back.

A series of transportation and hotel restaurant strikes has sorely tested the patience of those who have come to enjoy the attractions. And there are hints of a deterioration, here and there, in the quality of service.

"We are worried but we do not want to dramatize it," official at the National Tourist Office said after studying early reports on the number of tourists.

Venice and Florence are jammed, the Salento festival is playing to record crowds and the first figures for Rome show an increase in foreign visitors, but with indications of a decline since June 1, and an overall decline in the south.

This is serious. Italy's \$6.8 billion-a-year tourist industry is the nation's largest business.

It is too early to make an accurate assessment," a spokesman for Alitalia, the national airline, said. Alitalia has been one of the hardest-hit enterprises, affected by air controller strikes as well as walkouts by its own personnel.

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New synthetic, alternate fuels studied

By a Science Correspondent

LONDON — Synthetic fuels and the development of alternate fuel sources promise to decrease wasting conventional crude oil.

An experimental synthetic fuel plant may soon provide a liquid substitute for conventional crude oil. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in Washington, D.C., tests have been conducted at the Exxon Donor Solvent pilot plant in Baytown, Texas, to convert high-sulfur coal to oil. Since full-scale operation of the coal liquification pilot plant began in June, 1980, about 39,000 tons of bituminous coal have been processed.

The Exxon Donor Solvent process dissolves coal directly using heat and pressure and

adding hydrogen. Current methods rely on a less efficient, indirect process which first gasifies the coal and then recombines the gases to oil.

At maximum capacity, the Baytown plant processed 250 tons of coal a day. A full-sized plant would process as much as 30,000 tons of coal per day, converting each ton into roughly 2.5 barrels of oil. Now that the tests are complete, say the DOE, the research experiments will try western, low-sulfur coal to see if it has commercial potential.

A wild plant that grows abundantly in the arid areas of America's Southwest produces a juice that could be a substitute for petroleum. According to scientists at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory at the University of California in Berkeley, the euphorbia plant

thrives on as little as 10 inches of rain per year and produces a juice that can be refined into several products including hydrocarbon fuels.

The scientists say it would take about 3,000 acres to get a pilot project going, but they are convinced that 100 tons of euphorbia a day could produce a daily yield of 50 barrels of oil, enough sugar to yield another 50 barrels of fuel alcohol, and other by-products.

The processing plant would be energy self-sufficient by using the dried combustible material left over from the euphorbia processing for power. Euphorbia does well in dry areas without irrigation and with little tilling, and would therefore be easy to cultivate. Farmers growing euphorbia crops could expect up to \$300 per acre per harvest.

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Lendl ousts Eddie Dibbs

Birner scalps another seed

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP) — Rain halted play in the third round action in the \$200,000 Washington Star International Tennis Tournament Friday afternoon but not before Czechoslovakia's Stanislav Birner continued his string of upsets. Birner used a tiebreaker in the final set to topple 14th seed Terry Moor 6-4, 2-6, 7-6.

Monday, the 24-year-old Czech Davis Cup player ousted No. 2 seed Gene Mayer. "I am surprised that I am still here," Birner candidly admitted.

Birner is not the only one who is amazed at his presence in the quarterfinal round. Tournament directors forced the world's 153rd rated player to participate in the grueling two-day qualifying rounds to be eligible for the main 64-man tournament. Birner survived the qualifying draw after winning three matches in two days.

Asked if he thought about reaching the finals and a possible match with his good friend and fellow countrymen Ivan Lendl, Birner laughed. "It is a long way to the top." Prior to this week Birner's best showing was back in 1978 when he beat Stan Smith to advance to the final 16 of the French Open.

In the night top seed Ivan Lendl rebounded from an opening set loss to blow past tenth-seeded Eddie Dibbs 3-6, 6-1, 6-1. After

dropping the first set, the 21-year-old Czech picked up the pace, breaking his opponent three times in the second set.

Plagued by his inability to make good on his first serves, Lendl used his second serve to ruin Dibbs, nine years his senior, from one end of the court to the other. The third set mirrored the second with Lendl's pinpoint passing the difference. The victory extended Lendl's mastery over Dibbs, who he has beaten in each of their four previous meetings.

In other third-round Friday, Guillermo Vilas, a three time winner here and the No. 4 seed, ousted Erik Van Dillen 6-1, 6-3. Rolivin's Mario Martinez stopped France's Pascal Portes 6-4, 6-3. Andres Gomez of Ecuador beat 11th seed Jose Higueras of Spain, 6-4, 6-4. And in a match that had the crowd roaring its approval, 12th seeded Mel Purcell stopped No. 7 seed Eliot Teltscher 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

The victory was Purcell's first over Teltscher in 10 years. "Boy it was sweet. It's about time. I've lost to him five times. It feels good to finally win," Purcell said.

Lendl later blamed his first serve problems on the fear of Dibbs' ability to return all but the best shots. "He has a good return. To get it past him you have to hit a very good shot. You have to get it right on the line," he said.

Kathy, Bonnie share lead

LA GRANGE, Illinois, July 25 (AP) — Kathy Whitworth put on a blazing birdie-birdie finish and unheralded Bonnie Lauer shot a course-tying record 5-under-par 67 Friday to share the second-round lead in the 29th USGA Women's Open Golf Championship.

Whitworth, a 41-year-old veteran with 81 tour victories but still seeking her first U.S. Open title, opened the round in a first-place tie with Beth Daniel after the two shot on Thursday.

But before whitworth, who needs \$1,031 to become golf's first woman millionaire, reached the first tee, Lauer, an early starter who had matched par in the first round, had posted a 33-34-67 for a 36-hole total of 139, 5 under par.

Holders Middlesex make exit

LONDON, July 25 (R) — Zimbabwean Brian Davison could be excused for feeling aggrieved when Leicestershire's 60-over Natwest Trophy match against Surrey was abandoned Friday. He had hit a brilliant 137 not out in the rain-ruined match spread over three days.

But Davison was determined to make his mark on the tie at the Oval. With the weather forcing the teams into a 10 overs-a-side match he slammed 43 off 18 balls to give Leicestershire a flying start. They eventually reached 104 for five, and despite an unbeaten 45 by West Indian Sylvester Clarke they never threatened to score at a faster rate.

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Dibbs, apparently in control in the first set, tried to explain his collapse. "I don't know what happened. After the first set I lost all concentration and he was playing great. He gets going and gets confident and starts whaling away at the ball as it goes in," Dibbs said. "If you let him control play, he'll make you run back and forth."

That neither player is especially fond of the other was apparent by the gesturing and scowling during the match. "I just don't like him," Dibbs said. "He probably doesn't like me. He's kind of a cocky guy." Lendl refused to elaborate on the feud other than to say "that's between us."

Fancied players fall by wayside

BAASTAD, Sweden, July 25 (AP) — Teenagers Thierry Tulasne of France and Joakim Nystrom of Sweden straight-setted their seeded Australian opponents in a day of upsets to reach the semifinals of the \$100,000 Swedish Open Tennis Championships Friday.

Tulasne, 18, stunned top-seed Peter McNamara, 6-1, 6-0, and Nystrom, the Orange Bowl Junior champion, surprised third-seed Mark Edmundson, 6-2, 6-0.

"It was my worst match in several years. I really don't know what went wrong, but I must say Thierry was sharp Friday," McNamara said.

Second-seed Paul McNamee and fellow-Aussie John Fitzgerald, the No. 4 seed, were also eliminated in the quarterfinals.

Anderson Jarryd, another Swede, trailed 3-6, 1-1 when McNamee was forced to abandon the match because of a back injury. Fernando Luna of Spain, at 23 the oldest of the semifinalists, outlasted Fitzgerald, 6-0, 6-7, 6-2.

Tulasne, seeded No. 6, was the only seeded player to reach the semis in the clay court tournament. He will play Nystrom Saturday while Luna takes on Jarryd in the other semi-final.

Bjorn Borg, the five-time Wimbledon and six-time French Open champion, is not playing his native country's open championships this year.

In the women's quarterfinals South Korean Duk Hee Lee defeated yet another Australian Nerida Gregory 6-2, 6-0 and Catrin Jexell of Sweden defeated Amreeta Ahluwalia of India 6-1, 6-3. Gregory meets Lena Sandin of Sweden and Jexell meets Brenda Catton of Australia in the semifinals.

In Monte Carlo, Czech-born Martina Navratilova, now officially an American citizen, crashed out of the Monte Carlo Women's Tennis Tournament Friday when she was beaten in straight sets in the quarterfinals by Regina Marsikova of Czechoslovakia 3-6, 4-6.

Talented French teenager Catherine Tanvier just failed to reach the semi-finals. She was beaten after a three-set thriller by powerful West German Sylvia Hanika 0-6, 6-2, 6-8.

Pintor, who has a 41-1-4 record with 33 knockouts, talks as though his weight will present more difficulty than the relatively unknown but ninth-ranked Rengifo, 24, who has a 28-2 mark with 14 knockouts. "He looks like a good boxer, but I fought boxers before and when I catch up to them and connect, they always fall or lose," says Pintor. "I hope to finish him early. The question is whether he can stand it inside."

Pintor is regarded as one of the most punishing body punchers in boxing today. His stamina is exceptional and his inside attack inevitably takes its toll. "I've got to pressure him," said Pintor. "He's got to fight my fight."

Rengifo, a 3-1 underdog according to Las Vegas oddsmakers, said he doesn't care how Pintor fights, he's not impressed by the champion. "He'll be no problem," Rengifo said. "I don't worry about Pintor. He doesn't concern me. He's easy to hit. He doesn't impress me. That's because I saw him fight Zarate and I don't think pintor won."

However, Rengifo admits he has never fought anyone as accomplished as Pintor. His only other top-notch opponent was former

brief scorers: At the Oval: (match reduced to 10 overs) Leicestershire beat Surrey by 16 runs. Leicestershire 104 for five innings closed (B. Davison 43). Surrey 88 for two innings closes closed (S. Clarke 45 not out).

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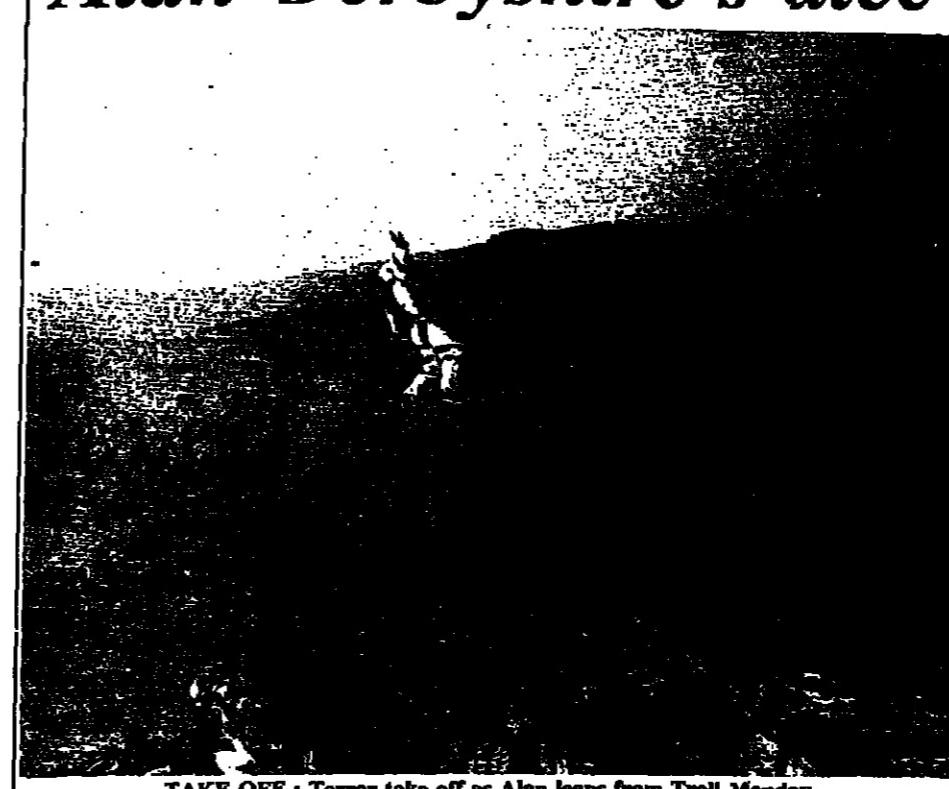
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Alan Derbyshire's dice with death



TAKE-OFF: Terror take-off as Alan leaps from Troll Monday.

NORWAY, July 25 — High-flying Alan Derbyshire's dream of happiness was to fling himself off a 5,000 feet cliff. And it came true Monday when he took the plunge and joined the handful of para-daredevils to brave the terrifying Troll Wall in Norway.

Alan, from Altrincham, Cheshire, hurtled 800 feet in free fall just inches from the sheer rock face. Then a boulder in the wall gave him room to open his chute and the 32-year-old fruit merchant made a peach of a landing a mile below the summit.

Afterwards, he said: "It was the biggest thrill of my life. I was frightened at the top but there were no second thoughts. "It has got to be one of the greatest challenges in the world." Only 46 people before him dared tackling the terror of Troll. And the man who followed Alan proved just how dangerous it is.

A Swedish skydiver crashed into the rock, smashed a leg in two places and only clump of trees saved him from certain death.

Alan, who won his leap of a lifetime in a private company's "Great Dreams" contest, started sky-diving eight years ago. And already he is dreaming of a new challenge, to plunge off a monster waterfall in Venezuela!

Pintor hopes to finish Rengifo early

WBC superflyweight champion Rafael Orozco of Venezuela, who knocked him out in the third round 10 months ago.

Meanwhile, promoter King said in Cleveland that fighters Roberto Duran and Nino Gonzalez will train for an Aug. 9 bout in the concourse of the Terminal Tower, Ohio's tallest building.

A practice ring and training area are being constructed in the base of the 52-story building. Beginning Monday, the fighters will work out in view of the estimated 125,000 people who pass through the concourse daily, King said.

The fight will be the first for Duran since he lost his World Boxing Council welterweight title in a controversial bout with Sugar Ray Leonard on Nov. 25. Duran left the fight in the eighth round complaining of stomach cramps.

That's not likely to happen right away, King said. "This man is fighting for his life. We could not afford the luxury of taking on a Sugar Ray Leonard right now," he said.

BRIEFS

beat Switzerland in the final of the 42 matches for the seven competing nations.

LONDON, (AFP) — Colin Chapman, head of the Lotus Formula One racing team has said he will not be taking his controversial 88B to any more races for the time being. He will race his Lotus 87 cars in the German Grand Prix at Hockenheim on August 2.

LONDON, (AFP) — The Aga Khan's wonder horse, Shergar, is now owned by a 10 million pound sterling syndicate, it was announced Friday. The Aga Khan holds six of the 250,000 pound shares in the three-year-old winner of the Irish and English Derby.

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At World University Games**U.S. swimmers corner limelight**

BUCHAREST, Romania, July 25 (AP) — Three Americans won gold medals in two swimming events at the world University Games Friday, as Jill Sterkel set a games record of one minute, 0.91 seconds in the women's 100-meter butterfly.

Carol Borgmann, her classmate at the University of Texas, took the silver with 1:02.43, and third in the women's butterfly was Carmen Bunaciu of Romania in 1:02.98.

Americans Bill Paulus and Robert Placak clocked the same time in the men's 100-meter butterfly to win dual gold medals.

Both U.S. swimmers touched the wall in an exciting finish at 55.41 seconds, well ahead of Soviet Sergei Kisselov's 56.29. Kisselov was given the bronze medal. Paulus and Placak were cheered by the Romanian crowd at the Open air 23 August Pool.

The Soviet Union also pocketed three gold medals. Lina Kachyushite, set a new games record when she won the women's 200 meters breaststroke final in 2 min 35.85 secs, as did Arsen Miskarov when he won the men's 200 meters, butterfly final in 2 mins 19.42 secs.

American shatters steeplechase mark

BUCHAREST, Gomani, July 25 (AP) — John Gregorek of the United States set a new world University Games record in winning the 3,000 meter steeplechase in the August 23 Stadium here Friday night.

The 21-year-old Georgetown University student won the event in 8 minutes, 21.26 seconds, more than a second inside the old record of 8:22.32 set by Bronislaw Malinowski of Poland in 1975.

Gregorek, a member of the U.S. Olympic team that boycotted the 1980 Moscow Olympics, became the seventh American track and field gold medalist of the games. He just beat off the Challenge of Finland's Tommy Ekblom, who was second in 8:21.93. Mariano Scartezzini of Italy took the bronze medal in 8:28.03.

The other three medal events Friday night all were won by eastern European athletes. Florent Craciunescu of Romania delighted the local fans by winning the discus event with a throw of 67.48 meters, more than three meters better than her nearest rival.

Craciunescu's effort beat the previous best of Maria Ergova of Bulgaria, who recorded 66.34 in Sofia in 1977. Perga Szegaud of East Germany earned the silver with 64.14

The Russians completed their trio of victories by narrowly outpacing the United States to win the men's 4x200 meters freestyle relay final in a best-ever games time of 2 mins 35.85 secs.

Meanwhile, Japan chalked up its first win in water polo preliminary Group "A" competition, beating Spain 8-7 (1-1, 4-2, 1-2, 2-2) at the Dynamo Swimming Pool.

Japan thus wound up the preliminary tournament with one win against four losses. They now enter a league to decide the seventh to 11th place. Spain finished at the bottom in the six-team Group "A" with one draw and four losses and also entered the 7-11 place league.

Medals Tally

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Romania's top-seeded Virginia Ruzici proved too good for China's Yu Liquao and reached the semifinals of the women's singles in the tennis competition.

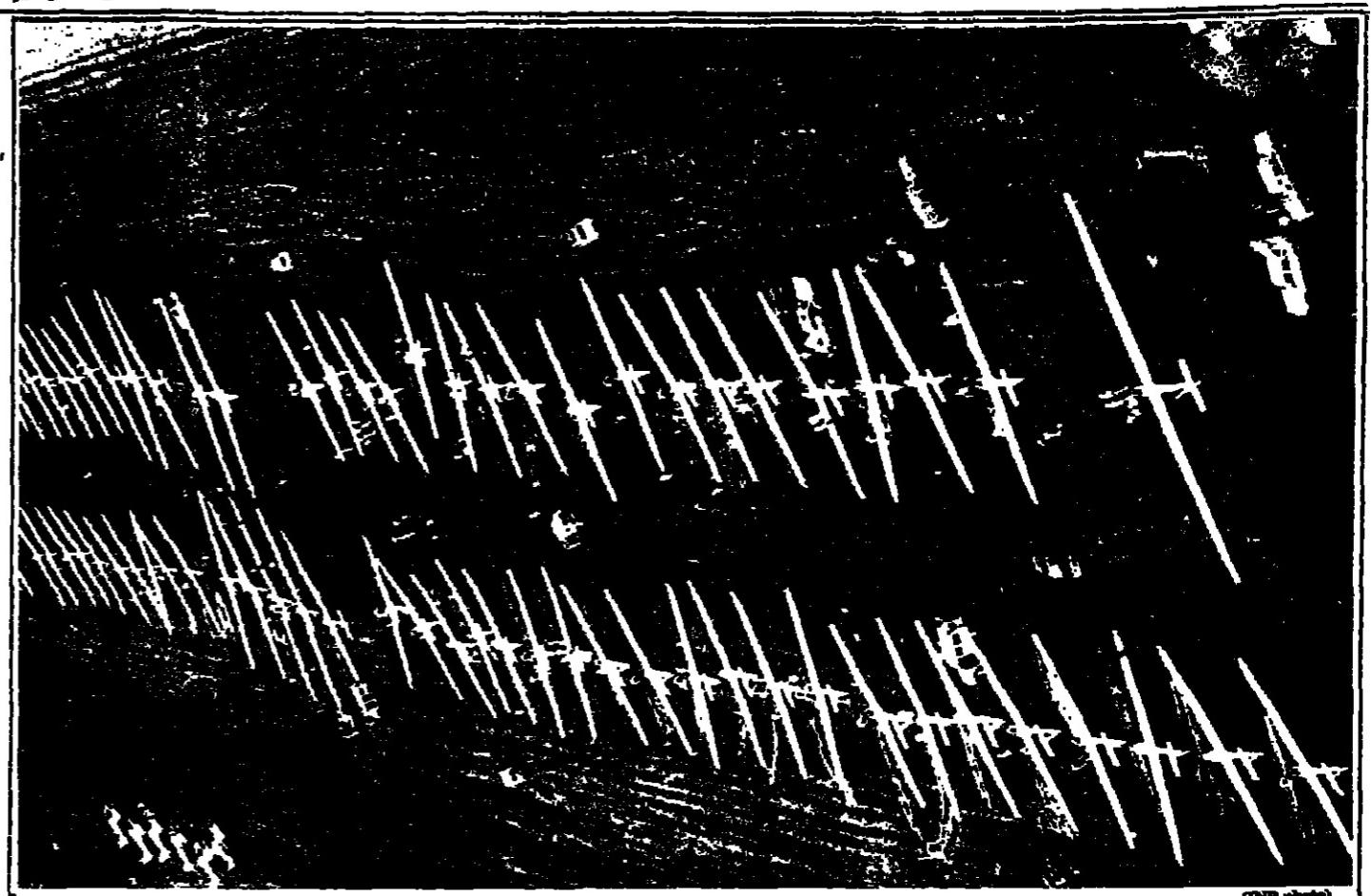
Ruzici, a former French Open champion, scored a 6-3, 6-4 victory and will play Lumila Makarova of the Soviet Union for a place in the final. Makarova won her quarterfinal match against Bulgaria's Adriana Velcheva 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

Japan's two-time world 57-kilogram class freestyle wrestling champion Hideaki Tomiyama pinned American David Cooke in four minutes 22 seconds in the first round.

Japanese coach Yukitaka Takiyama said afterwards that he was confident of Tomiyama winning the gold medal.

Two other Japanese wrestlers also won their first round matches but Masakazu Kamimura lost to Turkey's Aktas Oktay three points to seven in the 68-kilo division.

In the 48-kilo division, Toshiaki Ishikawa narrowly defeated Richard Salamone of the U.S. 3 to 2, and in the 82 kilo class, Akira Oita beat France's Francois Lassaye 7 to 2.



SPECTACULAR: The Paderborn-Haxterberg airstrip, West Germany, were the World Gliding Championships were held recently, makes a spectacular picture with the numerous planes lined up before the competition. The "open class" championship was won by a British fighter pilot George Lee for the third time in succession. Klaus Holighaus and Bruno Gantenbrink, both of Germany finished second and third respectively. (INP photo)

Protesters force cancellation of match**Springboks tour hangs in the balance**

HAMILTON, New Zealand, July 25 (R) — The future of the South African rugby tour of New Zealand hangs in the balance after demonstrators and the threat of a plane crash forced cancellation of the second match Saturday.

New Zealand's police chief, commissioner Robert Walton, told a news conference he would fly to Wellington Sunday to discuss the future of the scheduled two-month, 16-match tour with officials of the New Zealand Rugby Union.

About 1,000 anti-apartheid demonstrators demolished a fence and invaded the pitch before the start of Saturday's match between the visiting Springboks and the Waikato regional side.

Walton said, however, the match was canceled for fear that a protest might crash a soled light plane into the main grandstand. The plane was stolen from Taupo about 60 miles south of Hamilton and then landed at a nearby country racecourse. Police said a 58-year-old man was arrested, but they refused to give further details.

The police were restrained in their approach to the demonstrators who invaded the Hamilton pitch Saturday. The protesters rejected personal approaches by commissioner Walton and left the field only after officials announced the match had been canceled. "We could have done a lot more, but I wonder what the cost would have been," Walton said. He said a valid reason was

needed for the use of force, and he did not think a rugby game constituted such a reason.

Even so, a police spokesman said about 70 people were arrested during the protest and one policeman was seriously injured during the initial charge onto the field.

Speaking of Sunday's meeting, Walton said he did not have authority to cancel the tour but he could make recommendations. "If the tour in my opinion should be canceled then there is certain action it can take, Walton said, adding such action could come under "breach of the peace provisions."

One of the protest organizers, Michael Law of the Halt All Racial Tours (Hart) group, said the decision to cancel Saturday's match proved the tour could not be policed.

"If the tour now continues, there will be increasing non-violent action. The time has come for them to cancel the tour," Law said.

Opponents of the tour also took to the streets in other parts of New Zealand, as they had when the Springboks played their first game in Gisborne on Wednesday. The South Africans easily beat the local Poverty Bay that match.

Ken Stabler calls it a day

By Cynthia Shanley
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, July 25 — After 12 seasons, 163 touchdown passes, 22,280 yards and one world championship, Ken Michael Stabler, No. 1 quarterback for the Houston Oilers has called it a day.

The call came to new head coach Ed Biles shortly after lunch on Thursday from Stabler's agent, Henry Pitts of Selma. His client, he said as Houston's veterans were preparing to take the practice field under their new head coach for the first time, would not be coming to the camp, at all. No reasons given.

After breaking the news at a post practice press conference, Ed Biles said he wished Stabler well and that Gifford Nielson would step in as his No. 1 quarterback. Giff's our man, he said, and he'll answer the challenge.

No one knows for sure why Stabler decided to suddenly retire and his agent, for his part, offered no insight either. There is no reason he commented and added that while he was sure a lot of innumerable will be read into it, the plain fact is that he just decided to retire.

Fellow teammate linebacker Art Stringer perhaps offered the best explanation by saying that most players know when the time comes to retire and perhaps Stabler just felt it was time to step down.

The shock of Kenny "The snake" Stabler's

retirement announcement did not last long, however, and Oilers players were soon chanting "Giff, Giff, Giff" in support of Gifford Nielson who has been the backup quarterback for the Oilers for the past two seasons. He is described as one of the more popular players on the team.

Biles has publicly stated his support for the 26-year-old player, who was drafted by the Oilers in the third round of 1978. "I have supreme confidence in Gifford," Biles has said.

Gifford, too, has confidence in himself and after a two-year wait behind the scenes he says he's ready to face the challenge. "I've got a little pressure on me now," Nielson said. "But I prepared myself for it and I think my teammates have confidence in me. We're going to work hard, pull together and have some fun playing football."

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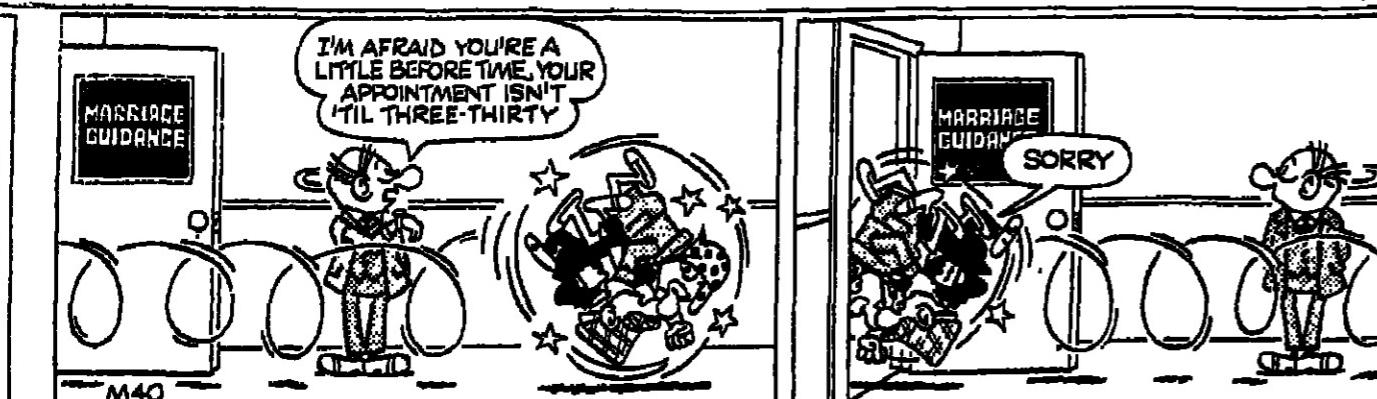
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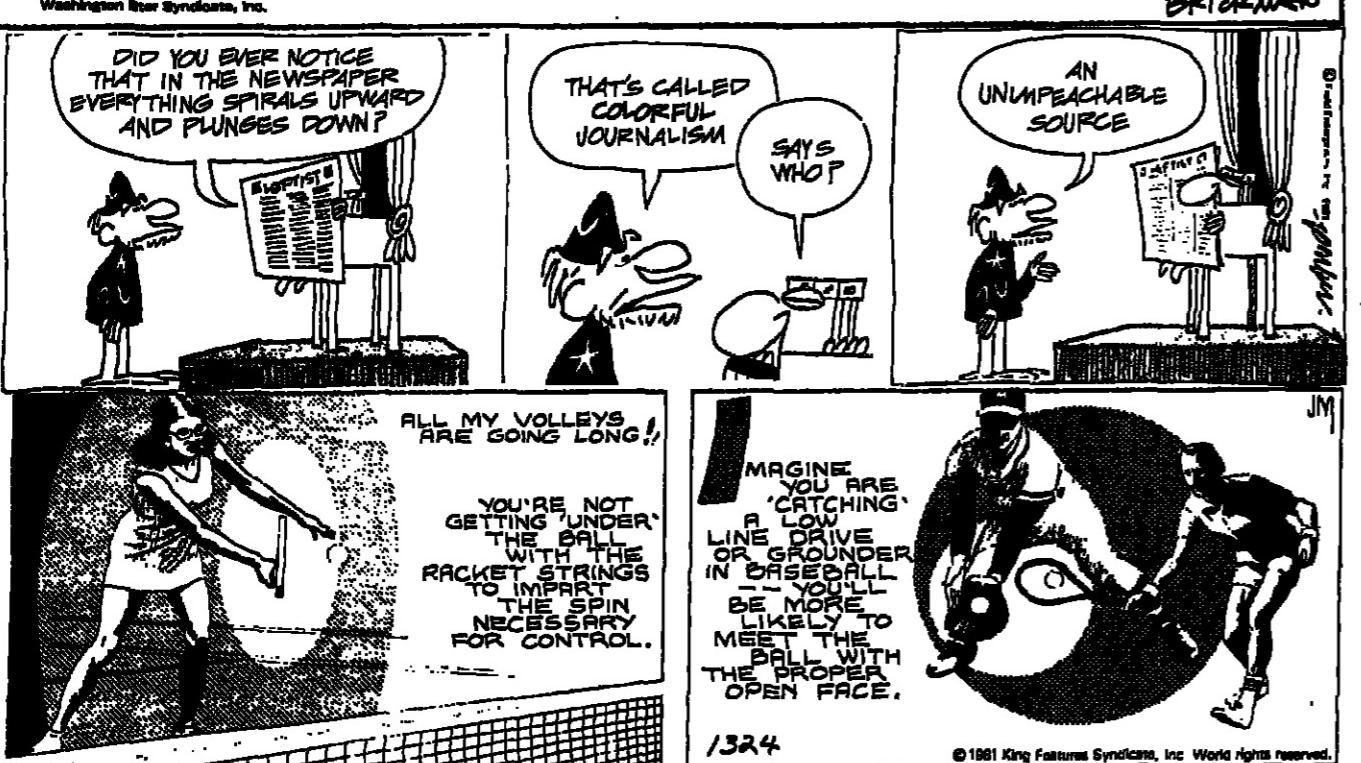
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Contract Bridge ♦ B. Jay Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable, in each of the following four hands. What would you bid at the point where the question mark appears?

1. ♠ 10742 ♡ 652 ♢ 03 ♣ A843

North East South West
1 ♠ Pass Pass Dble
Redbe 2 ?

2. ♠ Q65 ♡ 8742 ♢ A83 ♣ K96

North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
3 ♠ Pass ?

3. ♠ 94 ♡ K83 ♢ KJ85 ♣ QJ92

North East South West
1 NT 2 0 ?

4. ♠ A5 ♡ AKQJ963 ♢ Q942 ♣

South West North East
2 ♠ Pass 3 0 Pass ?

♦ AKJ83 ♠ 9 ♢ AK52 ♣ K96 in which case you would surely want to be in game. North cannot expect a huge hand from you. He will surely remember that you lacked the values for a response to his one bid.

2. Three diamonds. You had a maximum notrump response and you can indicate this by cuebidding the ace of diamonds before raising spades later on. Second choice is to jump to four spades directly over three clubs. It would be wrong to bid only three spades at this point. That is what you would do if the king of clubs were the deuce.

3. Double. East will probably go down 800 or 1,100, and you shouldn't let him get off the hook by bidding two or three notrump instead. You don't often get such a fine chance to teach an opponent to mind his manners after your partner opens with one notrump.

4. Five notrump. This is the grand slam force, requesting partner to bid seven diamonds with two of the three top trump honors (diamonds are treated as trumps). If North has only one top honor he responds six diamonds. In either case, you plan to play the hand in hearts.

1. Three spades. There is some doubt whether you should have passed one spade, but, granting that you did, there is an obligation to tell partner you made an absolutely maximum pass. To bid two spades at this point is simply not adequate — that is what you would do if the clubs were, say, Q-J-4-3. North's redouble announces much more than a minimum opening bid — for example, he may have:

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SUNDAY, JULY 26, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Local visits should be fun. Relations with close friends improve. Keep in touch with relatives. Others respond to your ideas.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)

Shopping trips are productive, and family life is gratifying. New work projects are financially promising. Enjoy favorable developments.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You'll put the finishing touches on a business project. Privacy leads to improved concentration. Higher-ups are helpful.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Surrounded by friends and loved ones, you should have a happy time now. Greet the world with a smile and it will be reciprocated.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

You gain respect for your accomplishments in community affairs is favored. Success is on the horizon. Be ready!

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Leisure-time activities are most fulfilling. Put aside worry and have a happy time with those you really care about. Relax.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Family get-togethers are happily accented. You may make important decisions regarding household improvements and family affairs.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Your financial prospects improve. Be alert for new job opportunities. Business contacts



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Saudi Arabian TV Programs
SUNDAY: 4:30 Quran, Program Review; 4:45 Educational Program; 5:15 Children's Program; 6:15 Local News, Maghrib Prayer's Call; 6:45 Religious Talk; 7:15 Folklore Program; 7:45 News in English; 8:00 TV Magazine during which the Isha Prayers' Call will occur; 9:30 News in Arabic; 11:00 Daily Series, Songs; 11:30 Arabic Film; 12:30 Closedown.

DUBAI Channel 10 Programs

SUNDAY: 5:00 Quran, 5:15 Religious Talk; 5:30 Cartoons; 6:00 Tan Tan, 6:30 Sports Program; 7:30 Documentary; 8:00 Local News; 8:00 Petrocelsi; 9:00 Arabic Drama; 10:00 News At Ten; 10:35 Selected Songs Tomorrow's Programs; 10:45 Arabic Plays.

DUBAI Channel 33 Programs

SUNDAY: 6:00 Quran; 6:15 Me and Champ, 6:35 Pardon My Genie; 7:00 Islamic Horizons; 7:15 Children's Special; 8:00 Local News; 8:10 Petrocelsi; 9:00 Turtle's Progress; 10:00 World News; 10:25 The Good Life; 10:50 Hunter.

OMAN IV Programs

SUNDAY: 4:02 Quran, 4:17 Today's Programs; 4:20 Students' Program; 5:40 Adult Education; 6:10 Songs; 6:15 Religious Program; 7:00 Education Agriculture; 7:30 Arabic Film Series; 8:20 Folk Songs; 8:30 Arabic News; 9:00 Cultural Series; 9:30 Arabic Local News; 9:45 Songs; 10:00 English News; 10:30 English Film; 12:10 News; 12:20 Quran.

Ras Al Khaimah TV Programs

SUNDAY: 6:45 Quran, 7:00 Kimba, 7:20 Laredo, 8:15 Unnamed World, 8:40 Theater of Stars; 9:25 Rollin on the River; 9:50 Feature; 11:20 Dr. Kildare; 11:40 I Spy.

KUWAIT Channel 2 Programs

SUNDAY: 8:00 Quran; 8:05 Cartoons; 8:15 Sierra; 9:00 News in English; 9:15 Islam in North America; 10:00 Tripper John; 10:45 Survival; 11:15 Best Sellers — Crime and Punishment.

QATAR TV Programs

SUNDAY: 3:00 Quran, 3:15 Religious Program; 3:30 Children's Daily Series; 4:00 Cartoons; 4:30 Finkin, 5:15 Daily Arabic Series; 6:00 Arabic News; 6:15 Daily Comedy Series; 6:45 Cultural Seminars; 7:35 Daily Arabic Series; 8:30 Arabic News; 9:05 Youth and Sports; 10:00 English News; 10:20 English Film.

P.M. News Roundup VOA News Summary

Reports : Actualities ; Opinion : Analyses ; Columnist : Letter

1:30 News Summary Special English : News

9:00 Special English : Discourse

News Summary : Middle East

9:30 Music USA : (Standards)

10:00 News Wrapup : Announcements

10:05 Opening : Analyses

Evening Transmission 8:30 Take One

8:45 Sports Round-up

9:00 World News

9:05 News about Britain

9:30 Sarah Ward 2:15 Alphabet of Musical

9:30 Opera Star

9:30 Newsdesk

10:00 Twenty-Four Hours 2:30 Curious

10:05 News Summary 2:30 Stock Market Report

10:30 Sarah Ward 2:40 Radio Newsreel

10:45 Twenty-Four Hours 2:40 Promenade Concert

11:00 News Summary 2:45 Sports Round-up

11:30 Sarah Ward 4:00 World News

10:45 Something to Say You 4:09 Twenty-Four Hours : News Summary

11:00 World News 4:30 The Pleasure's Yours

11:05 Reflections 5:15 Report on Religion

11:15 Piano Style 6:00 Radio Newsreel

11:30 Brain of Britain 1978 6:15 Outlook

12:00 World News 7:00 World News

12:05 British Press Review 7:00 Commentary

12:15 World Today 7:15 Sherlock Holmes

12:30 Financial News 7:45 World Today

12:40 Look Ahead 8:00 World News

12:45 The Tony Myatt 8:09 Books and Writers

Saudi Radio English Service Sunday Afternoon Transmission

Time Sunday

12:00 Open

1:00 Open

2:00 Program Review

2:07 Gems of Guidance

2:15 Light Music

2:30 Open

2:45 Pop Variety

2:55 Light Music

3:10 The News

3:15 Program Review

3:20 References on Festivals

3:30 Laps & Bounds

3:45 Light Music

3:50 Youth Welfare

4:00 Open

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FM 98 Maghreb : 10:30

Onde Courte : 11:30 Maghreb dans le bateau des 28m.

\$10b project

Bonn, Moscow reach gas pipeline accord

FRANKFURT, July 25 (R) — West German commercial banks have reached a broad agreement with the Soviet Union to help finance construction of the controversial 5,000 kilometer (3,000 mile) pipeline to bring gas from Siberia to Western Europe. Deutsche Bank Ag, the largest commercial bank in West Germany and leader of the bank consortium said Friday in a statement that the agreement represented a necessary precondition for the project, and it expects a final accord before the end of the year.

The \$10 billion at pipeline project, which is intended to bring gas to West Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, France and Italy, is opposed by the United States on the grounds it would make Western Europe too dependent on the Soviet Union for its energy supplies. West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt told President Reagan during the seven-nation summit conference held in Ottawa earlier this week that he did not believe the project held any danger for his country.

The current round of negotiations, conducted in Duesseldorf, have lasted a week, and talks have been underway for more than a year on the German portion of the project worth about 10 billion marks (\$4 billion).

A breakthrough was signaled earlier this week when F. Wilhelm Christians, joint spokesman of the management board of Deutsche Bank, said in a radio interview that the sum being negotiated in credits by the German banks had been cut to less than half

the original amount. The current formula now leaves out the cost of the pipe from the financing package, reducing the amount to between four and five billion marks (\$2 billion).

A spokesman for Mannesmann Ag, which would be the principal producer of the large diameter pipe required, said Wednesday that financing the pipe sale had been dropped from the credit talks with the banks. Instead, pipe sales would be negotiated on an annual basis he said.

The question of financing the pipe sales remains open, but banking sources said an exporting credit arrangement through the West German firm Aka, Ausfuhrkreditgesellschaft MBH would probably be used.

Such credits are made at a variable interest rate, but one that can be considerably less expensive than normal bank credits at a time of high interest rates.

They would be tied to the Bundesbank (Central Bank) discount rate, currently at a record 7.5 percent, plus a margin that would bring the cost to Mannesmann at this time to 9.6 percent. Mannesmann would then need to negotiate prices for the pipe which would make the sales profitable.

Negotiations were nearly complete and the German banks made an offer to the Soviet Union in January. But then, interest rates rose sharply in Germany, in part under the weight of U.S. interest rates, and the banks were forced to withdraw the proposal.

Wall Street

Craze for mergers revives sagging market

NEW YORK, July 25 (AP) — If it were not for the recent outbreak of merger mania on Wall Street, things would be looking down-right dreary in the stock market.

Speculation touched off by the three-way bidding war for Conoco Inc., the United States ninth largest oil company, has provided about the only spark of life in the stock market since the start of summer.

Indeed, even with the shares of several energy stocks running up sharply, the over-all market has suffered its worst decline of the year in recent weeks.

On Wednesday, the Dow Jones industrial average touched its lowest level since last December, before staging a modest rally Thursday and Friday. The widely recognized indicator of market trends finished the week with a 22.16 loss at 936.74.

The New York stock exchange composite index dropped 1.36 to 74.60, and the American stock exchange market value index was off 3.30 to 366.72. Big board volume averaged 43.14 million shares a day, against 42.81 million the week before.

Since June 23, the Dow Jones industrials

have fallen almost 70 points — not quite a massacre, perhaps, but still a far cry from the traditional Wall Street vision of a 'summer rally.'

In the midst of this decline, the heating activity in merger candidates — real, rumored, or just imagined — has been particularly dramatic. Conoco, pursued by Seagram, Dupont, Mobil and possibly other suitors to come, has been a regular at the top of the most-active list.

The headlines and newsmagazine cover stories about that bidding war have helped whip up frenzied activity in such other energy issues as Cities Services, Marathon Oil, Pennzoil and Amerada Hess.

Some further spice has been added to this stew by merger activity outside the energy sector. In the past week for example, Penn Central agreed to acquire Colt Industries, a diversified company, and G. Heileman Brewing set an offer for Jos. Schlitz Brewing.

The energy sector has been especially hot, however, because prices of oil issues are regarded as very cheap relative to the value of many companies assets in the ground.

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8.	Furama	Alpha	Bagged Barley	14.7.81
9.	Saudi Pride	O'Trade	Loading	19.7.81
10.	Cher Ching	Abdullah	Contre/St/Gen.	21.7.81
11.	Al Hajji	Alsaada	Bagged Barley	20.7.81
12.	Saudi Crown	Orri	Contre/General	23.7.81
14.	Frigo Harmony	O.C.E.	Reefer	22.7.81
15.	Bonita	Star	Reefer	19.7.81
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38.	Osaka Reefer	O.C.E.	Reefer	20.7.81
40.	Nipponhon Maru	Reeder	Reefer	11.7.81
42.	Ronland Oceanis	S.N.L.	Contra/Govt. Cargo	22.7.81
43.	Humanity	Star	bagged Barley	22.7.81
Ro-Ro	Jolly Blu	Abdullah	Contra/Tria/Vehs.	24.7.81

RECENT ARRIVALS:

Defence	Alrasa	Contra.	24.7.81
Kota Raja	O.C.E.	Sugar/Sorghum/Gen.	24.7.81
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28.	Dimitry Poluyan	Kanoo	Gen/Steel	24.7.81
32.	Estrella	Gulf	Bananas	15.7.81
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37.	Arabian Luluah(DB)	Barber	Cement Silo Vessel	30.11.80
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Tax cut plan revised anew by Reagan

WASHINGTON, July 25 (R) — President Ronald Reagan has added \$42 billion in new tax cuts to his economic recovery plan in a compromise bid for Democratic votes in a congressional showdown next week.

Reagan announced the revised package during an unusual appearance in the House of Representatives where he appealed to any wavering fellow Republicans to support his new plan.

It bids for votes of oil states, including new tax cuts for independent oil producers, and is estimated to cut taxes by \$73.8 billion by the end of 1986, about \$42 billion more than previous projections.

The president's revised plan, which still includes his three-year income tax cut for individuals, will be pitted against a two-year Democratic plan in a house vote next Wednesday. His plan also embraces a campaign promise of automatic tax cuts starting in 1985 by indexing tax rates to inflation.

This was about the latest of several revisions of Reagan's tax cut plan first announced in February. The revisions are seen as part of a 'bidding war' between Democrats controlling the house and Reagan over who can cut more taxes.

The main pillars of Reagan's economic recovery program are tax cuts and budget reductions, which Reagan contends will reduce inflation, bring down interest rates and improve business activity encouraging new investment.

His budget reduction measures are nearing final congressional passage.



MOST ADVANCED ELEVATOR : Latest development in passenger elevators is what is called the Elecronic 401. Made by a U.S. firm, the unit is so advanced that it has a control display panel that is programmed to tell the date, time, weather, floor locations, special messages and even stock reports and news reports. The panel also has a 'voice' produced by the microcomputer-directed speech synthesizer that announces the floor location and whether the elevator is going up or down. The new unit is seen here.

Russia buys U.S. grains worth \$63m

WASHINGTON, July 25 (R) — The Soviet Union's purchase of 450,000 tons of maize from the U.S. Friday could indicate it is willing to make concessions in talks next month on a new long-term grain deal, grain trade experts said.

The purchase, valued at \$63 million was the first by the Soviet Union since President Reagan lifted an embargo on sales three months ago. The embargo had been ordered by former President Jimmy Carter after the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan in December 1979.

The U.S. has proposed a meeting with Soviet officials in Vienna early next month for talks on a grain deal to replace the current five-year agreement which expires on September 30. Grain trade experts said the purchase could indicate Moscow was willing to make concessions at the Vienna talks. Commodity experts said the Russians might need to import large amounts of grain because of a recent heat wave that damaged domestic crops.

The Soviet meteorological center in Moscow said Friday that some of the spring crop was ripening as much as 15 days earlier than usual because of the prolonged hot weather.

Hot, dry weather in the growing season led the U.S. agriculture department recently to reduce its estimate of this year's Soviet grain harvest to 200 million tons, 36 million tons less than the Soviet target.

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